

Defendants to lose right of jury challenge

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The right of defendants in criminal trials to challenge the membership of juries without giving reasons is to be abolished.

Ministers have decided that the system of "peremptory challenge" has been open to so much abuse aimed at influencing the composition of juries that it is to be ended. The number of peremptory challenges allowed was reduced from seven to three in 1977.

The latest change, pressed for by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, was agreed yesterday. It will be included in the criminal justice Bill promised for the next session of Parliament.

Under the present system each defendant in a criminal trial can challenge three jurors without giving a reason. If there are eight defendants there can, in theory be 24 challenges. It was abuses of that kind that drove Mr Hurd to the conclusion that the system must be ended.

The move follows outrage among Conservative MPs last October after the Cyprus secrets trial, which ended in acquittals for all defendants. The jury was subjected to 12 challenges, and it was believed that the average of the final jury empanelled was 24.

Yesterday's decision was taken by ministers considering the Government's response to the Roskill committee on fraud trials. It recommended that the peremptory challenge should be abolished in fraud trials, but the Government widened its consideration to include all criminal trials.

It is understood that the Government's law officers, including the Attorney General,

al Sir Michael Havers, favoured a proposal under which the right of peremptory challenge would be reduced from three to one without giving reasons. They wanted the right of the prosecution to "stand by" jurors they considered unsuitable to be retained, and felt that it might be considered inequitable for the defence's right of challenge to be done away with.

However, ministers are said to be moving towards a position where the prosecution's right to "stand by" will be restricted to the most sensitive cases where jury-vetting is involved such as spy trials.

The Government's decision is not based on specific or notorious cases but on an accumulation of evidence suggesting that the system was being brought into disrepute. It will be argued when the decision is announced this month, that it is not meant to imply a belief within the Government that juries are getting their verdicts wrong.

It was pointed out last night

that in roughly half the cases of acquittals the decision is taken on a direction of the judge. The Government's move is likely to be opposed by the Opposition, and fought hard by the legal profession.

But there will be delight among Conservative MPs. After the Cyprus case Mr Toby Jessel, Conservative MP for Twickenham, launched a campaign to get the right of challenge abolished. He said that trial by jury in crown courts was being disrupted so that there were far too many acquittals.

"What is now going on makes a mockery of the concept of a fair trial in a crown court. Juries are supposed to be selected at random. Historically the right to peremptory challenge exists to remove bias. It now does the opposite, as it is used to introduce bias — a bias towards acquittal."

Yesterday's decision does not mean that there will be no opportunity for defence or prosecution to challenge the membership of juries. The "challenge for cause" is to be maintained, which enables counsel to argue that a particular juror should not be empanelled.

It might be that a juror was a business rival of the defendant. But in those cases reasons would have to be given.

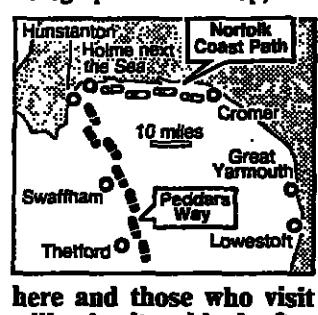
The Government is also expected to announce soon that the Roskill proposal for juries in complicated fraud cases to be replaced by a tribunal of a judge and two laymen has been turned down, a decision that will be welcomed by the legal profession.



The Prince of Wales on the Norfolk coast yesterday to open a new 93-mile footpath (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

The Prince of Wales attacked litter as "the curse of the countryside" yesterday when he opened a 93-mile walk at Holme-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, where the Peddars Way, a Roman road, meets the new Norfolk coast path, which cost £230,000 to complete.

The Prince said of the path: "I hope the large number of people who live



here and those who visit will enjoy it and look after it, not scatter litter all over the place."

£600m industry claim rejected

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A £600 million compensation claim by shareholders in shipbuilding and aircraft industries nationalized under the last Labour Government was rejected by the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg yesterday.

The court ruled by 13 judges to five that the present Government did not act "unreasonably" in paying out some £125 million compensation which the owners claimed was only a fraction of the companies' worth.

Although in the Government's favour, the ruling is the most politically embarrassing case to go to Strasbourg and was immediately claimed to have dealt a big blow to its privatization programme.

It reinforces the width of governments' powers to nationalize and set compensation terms which could deter investors.

Sir William Lithgow, the Scottish industrialist in whose name the claim was brought, said the case had proved to be one of the "biggest political own goals in modern history".

It "undermined the privatization of British Telecom and potentially any other privatized business that a Labour Government may wish to take", he said.

Sir William, who was claiming £4 million on top of the £1 million compensation paid for shares in John G. Kincaid and Co, warned the ruling would undermine the Hong Kong treaty which depended on "respect for Western-style property rights".

He said he was "more saddened than disappointed". The claim had started as a "squallid argument about money" but had become one about "fundamental property rights which are part of the basis of the free world".

The ruling, which held that international principles of "prompt, adequate and effective compensation" did not apply where the state was taking property from nationals, put aliens in a more protected position, Sir William said.

"Any company on the Government hit list should quickly interpose a foreign holding company to protect its assets."

Sir William said the Government presented "partial information as the whole truth" and "failed to be clear and honest to Parliament".

He said the Government claimed to have based its figures on advice from leading stockbrokers, merchant bankers and accountants. But documents disclosed in the legal proceedings showed that only accountants had been used.

The compensation terms of the 1977 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act were rejected.

The debate was distinguished by a ferocious attack on the report by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and an eloquent statement of the minority position from the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard.

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Record slump in London share prices

By Lawrence Lever

The London stock market yesterday suffered its largest ever one-day fall with more than £5.4 billion wiped off the value of shares in the wake of further heavy losses on Wall Street.

Yesterday's loss was £891 million worse than the previous record one-day fall in March this year. It was accompanied by corresponding record points falls in both leading UK stock market indices.

The predominant reason for yesterday's losses was the fall in share prices on Wall Street where Monday's record 61-point fall in the Dow Jones industrial average was followed by a further 28-point fall.

Wall Street has been sent reeling by fears that interest rates, which were expected to fall, might now level off or even rise, and by pessimistic forecasts for the market by two respected market technicians.

One of them, Mr John Mendelson, from the American stockbroking firm of Dean Witter Reynolds, chose Monday, the first day back on Wall Street after the American Independence Day on July 4, to switch his two-year favourable outlook for the market, prompting rueful remarks from some American stockbrokers.

"Mendelson's change of opinion has sparked off the wave of selling, he chose a good psychological moment to become pessimistic," one broker commented yesterday. The fall on Wall Street has also been aggravated by com-

puterized share-selling programmes which are automatically triggered by sharp movements in the Dow Jones industrial average.

Market makers in London automatically marked down prices when the stock market opened yesterday morning to prevent a tide of selling orders. Prices remained fairly static until an initial fall of around 29 points on Wall Street shortly after the market opened.

Several leading shares showed heavy double-figure losses, while Britain's North Sea Brent crude was again trading at below \$10 dollars a barrel yesterday.

● FT-SE 100 index 1599, down 32.
● FT 30-share index 1317.7, down 30.1.
● Dow Jones industrial average (at 2 pm New York) 1811.02, down 27.98.
● Nikkei Dow in Tokyo 17734.15, up 20.08.

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Money supply figures, released yesterday, dashed hopes of an early cut in base rates. Bank lending rose by £2.1 billion last month, above the recent average. The broad measure of money, sterling M3, rose by 1.2 per cent and is running well above its target.

● The Bank of England indicated that it would be maintaining its cautious stance on interest rates. City analysts said that the impetus for lower rates in Britain would have to come from cuts in Japan or the United States.

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BR engineers vote against strike

By Tim Jones

Engineers in the National Union of Railwaymen delivered the third rebuff in less than a year to Mr Jimmy Knapp, their militant general secretary, when they voted overwhelmingly against strike action in a secret ballot on Monday.

If the 17,000 members of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions employed in the workshops, who are also being balloted, deliver a similar result then British Rail will have achieved more than 7,600 job losses without serious industrial action.

The British Railways Board said yesterday that it welcomed "the common sense displayed by NUR members" and hoped the CSEU ballot would also reject industrial action.

It was clear that Mr Knapp was upset by the two-to-one rejection of the proposal seeking a mandate for strike action. He complained that Sir Bob Reid, BR chairman, had refused to debate the issues in public.

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No more Mr Nyet



After the Gromyko years, Soviet foreign policy has acquired a different face. A profile of Eduard Shevardnadze, the affable Georgian who will arrive in London next week.

Portfolio

● Yesterday's £4,000 daily prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was shared by four readers, Mr Nicholas Potter of Purley, Surrey, Dr E Madden of Bray, Berks, Mrs L G Wilson of West Linnburn, Dunbartonshire, and Mrs P Riseley of Halcroft, Bedford, Notts.
● There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 25; rules and how to play 20.

Rainbow row

Four senior opposition MPs were ordered from the New Zealand Parliament by the Speaker amid angry scenes over the Rainbow Warrior affair. Page 7

BSC profit

British Steel Corporation has made its first real profit in 10 years with earnings of £38 million. Page 21

Tripes results

Cambridge University tripos examination results in electrical sciences, classics (part 1), and medical science (part 2, general, and part 1a) and Bradford University honours degrees are published today. Page 36

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Botha fixes date just before Thatcher faces Commons

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

A date has been fixed for later this month for Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to meet President P. W. Botha of South Africa.

After 24 hours of busy diplomatic activity between the Foreign Office and the Pretoria regime, agreement on when the crucial meeting would take place was secured yesterday morning, shortly before Mrs Thatcher faced Prime Minister's question time in the Commons.

Sir Geoffrey, who is due to arrive in Lusaka this morning on the first leg of the EEC peace mission, will announce the dates for the talks before returning home on Saturday.

The Foreign Secretary, who is hoping to have talks with leaders of the frontline states of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, has decided to

delay announcing details of the Pretoria meeting "until the right moment", the Foreign Office said last night.

While Whitehall has insisted for several days that there was never any doubt about whether the meeting would take place, but only when there was audible relief, and cheers, from Conservative backbenchers when Mrs Thatcher announced in the Commons the successful outcome of the diplomatic manoeuvres.

Her statement took the wind out of the sails of Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, who, unaware of the Foreign Office's success, had begun to launch an attack on the Government based on the assumption that Mr Botha still could not find time to see Sir Geoffrey.

Meanwhile in a series of interviews given to Canadian news organizations before her visit this weekend to Vancouver, Mrs Thatcher confirmed that she would continue to oppose economic sanctions even if Sir Geoffrey's peace mission to South Africa failed.

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Bishops to report on women

By Clifford Longley

The General Synod halted its debate over women priests yesterday, to give the bishops time to study the problems at length.

A report that dwelt on the ways in which the church might break up over the issue received almost universal disapproval, though there were also several sharp reminders that some people felt strongly enough to part company from a church with women priests.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, said that the bishops were not trying to delay the matter more than necessary, but their report, expected next February, might be only an interim one. He thought it unlikely that the legislation for the introduction of women priests could be enacted before the end of the lifetime of the present Synod in 1990. However he restated his personal conviction that the ordination of women would come.

The debate was distinguished by a ferocious attack on the report by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and an eloquent statement of the minority position from the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard.

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Palm Springs hit by early morning quake

Los Angeles — Palm Springs was jolted early yesterday by an earthquake that cut off power to more than 100,000 residents, closed roads, shattered shop windows and sent car-sized boulders crashing onto the highway (Ivor Davies writes).

Scientists said the earthquake, which struck at 2.21 am, registered six points on the Richter scale.

The earthquake was felt 200 miles away in Las Vegas, and many residents in Los Angeles, 120 miles to the west, were awakened. No serious injuries were reported, but police closed highways which were

Syria and Jordan gang up on Arafat

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

With his guerrillas surrounded by Syrian forces in Beirut and ordered from their offices in Amman, Mr Yasser Arafat yesterday faced the gravest challenge to his prestige in the Arab world as the two nations which should be his closest supporters, Syria and Jordan, formed an effective alliance against him.

Mr Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, from its faraway base in Tunis, angrily claimed that the two nations had conspired to depose him and replace him with a more amenable leadership.

Privately, they feared that King Hussein of Jordan would now try to persuade the Saudis to withhold financial support

sudden arrival in Riyadh yesterday afternoon for talks with King Fahd only served to increase these suspicions.

Neither the Syrians nor the Jordanians have named the man they would like to see in Mr Arafat's shoes. Both have given open or tacit support to officially inspired mutinies within the PLO, one led by Colonel Saeed Moamra, head of military intelligence. Both King Hussein and President Assad of Syria would probably like to see the military leader, Abu Jihad, take over.

Yesterday morning Jordanian troops holding sub-machine guns appeared in Amman outside the PLO's Fatah headquarters.

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Dozens of PLO officials have been ordered to leave Jordan within 48 hours, although a few of the political offices were permitted to remain open, at least for the moment. Many of the troops carried truncheons and turned back employees of the offices when they turned up for work.

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Consortium puts £5bn Severn barrage plan to Energy Secretary

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A menu of options is being studied by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, which could by the turn of the century have a barrage across the Severn producing up to 7 per cent of the electricity needs of England and Wales, judged on present levels of demand.

A decision is expected soon from Mr Walker, based on a report which went to him at the end of March from the Severn Tidal Power Group, a consortium of construction and engineering interests which has shared the costs of a feasibility study with the Department of Energy.

The more ambitious of two possible lines for a barrage has strong backing in the report, it is understood. That involves throwing an eight-mile-long barrage across the Severn from South Wales, west of Cardiff, to just down river of Weston-super-Mare.

The cost there of taming the river, which with tidal movements of 40 feet or more has the highest tides in the world except for eastern Canada, has been put at about £5 billion.

A lesser scheme involving a three-mile barrage further up-river around Avonmouth would produce about 1.4 per cent of the Central Electricity Generating Board's needs.

The bigger scheme particularly could lead to extensive tourism developments up-river of the barrage while also bringing a stimulus to industrial development particularly in South Wales.

Criticism of tidal power on the ground that it produces electricity at variable times are attacked in the report, which explores how tidal energy can be incorporated in overall energy production planning.

This factor could be crucial in Mr Walker's assessment because he has in the past drawn attention to concerns about consistency of supply.

Finance is the other difficulty. If the barrage is to be almost wholly a private sector development, high returns would be needed to attract sufficient backing, the report is likely to suggest. Aid from EEC sources would be sought.

The question arises of how far the Government would be prepared to underwrite a Severn barrage scheme. A guaranteed minimum level of prices could be one way, to remove the possible problem, even if it were only a shorter term one, of continuing low oil prices keeping down the Central Electricity Generating Board's going rate for buying electricity.

The report is also believed

to have explored the prospect of the barrage scheme being a public sector venture with a private sector element. One argument is that after about 20 years operating costs would be so low that profits of several hundreds of millions of pounds a year could be generated almost in perpetuity.

At Rance, in Brittany, where a pioneering energy producing barrage has been operating for about 20 years, recent inspections showed that the turbines were almost in the same condition as when they were installed.

The consortium, which since 1983 has been investigating the Severn options, appears to be more optimistic than Mr Walker on how much energy could be generated by tidal power in Britain. Mr Walker recently suggested it could at most provide about 8 per cent of current electricity demand.

But within the consortium it is being suggested that tidal power could readily generate 15 per cent of electricity needs. That implies harnessing the energy potential of three more barrages: at the Solway Firth (producing 4 to 5 per cent of national needs), Morecambe Bay (2 per cent of needs) and the Wash (another 2 per cent).



Mr Edward Heath, aged 70 today, ready to give the Government advice yesterday at his home near Salisbury

Heath calls for jobs action

By George Hill

The public wanted the Government to act more decisively against unemployment, Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister, said yesterday in an interview to mark his seventieth birthday.

Education, housing and health were causes of anxiety to the public but the main cause of hostility to the Government was the continuing

rise in unemployment, especially long-term unemployment.

"Above all they want to see action being taken to deal with unemployment, instead of being told that if they leave everything alone it will all come right in the end."

"People see that our industrial base is being continuously eroded and they are worried about education, housing and health. They see the Govern-

ment starting to go ahead with projects which are unnecessary at this point before the election and then being forced to abandon them — the defeat of the Sunday Trading Bill, for instance."

But he did not interpret last week's postponement of water privatization as a sign that the Government was planning an early election.

The Government was wrong to consider manufacturing and

service industries on equal terms, Mr Heath said. A sound industrial base created wealth, and enabled countries to spend more on services.

The South African issue had sharpened differences within the Conservative Party because of right-wingers' support for South Africa. "This obviously leads the rest of the world to believe that we are not genuine in our disapproval of apartheid," Mr Heath said.

'We're off the road' train driver was told

A train driver told an inquiry yesterday that he had no reason to think his express had left the rails just before it jumped across the track and crashed, injuring 13 people.

Mr Robert Wilson, aged 57, was giving evidence at a Department of Transport inquiry into the derailment of the Glasgow to Euston express at Motherwell station, Strathclyde, on June 15.

Mr Wilson said the train had been travelling at around 75 mph on an 80 mph stretch and, up until then, nothing had happened to cause concern.

Then as the train approached Motherwell station, the brake was applied, although Mr Wilson knew it was not a scheduled stop.

He said he assumed it was

the guard trying to make an emergency stop so he put on full brakes.

His co-driver leaned out of the window and told him: "Bobby, we are off the road."

Earlier the inquiry was told there had been a signal power failure at Motherwell 50 minutes before the accident.

Mr John Crawford, aged 58, the signalman, said that the main supply was off and the system switched to a stand-by power supply. After the failure he re-set every signal in his section, he said.

Mr Douglas Bowers, an assistant engineer, said some of the train's couplings showed signs of being disengaged when he examined them.

The inquiry is being conducted by Major Christopher Holden, a railway inspector.

Hatton is ousted as chairman

By Peter Davenport

Mr Derek Hatton, expelled from the Labour Party for supporting Militant Tendency, has been voted out as chairman of his local ward in Liverpool. The move came while Mr Hatton was at home nursing a broken ankle sustained in a football match.

Yesterday, he insisted that the 15-12 vote on Monday evening to replace him as chairman of Childwall ward was for one meeting only. Labour Party officials, however, said that it was permanent and he was no longer allowed to attend meetings.

Since the expulsion of Mr Hatton and several colleagues by the national executive committee for Militant activities, they have tried to ignore the ruling.

The move to oust Mr Hatton as chairman came after the branch was warned of possible disciplinary consequences, including withdrawal of funds, if it continued to allow Mr Hatton to attend.

Yesterday, Mrs Sylvia Renilson, who proposed the motion that elections should be held for a new chairman, said: "If we had allowed him to remain as chairman the ward would be in danger of being disbanded for breaking Labour Party rules."

Mr Hatton, replaced by Ms Judy Edwards, a non-Militant, insisted that the change was for one night. "There is no way a new chairman can be elected at other than an annual general meeting."

Police chief denies friendship claim

By Peter Davenport

Mr James Anderton, chief constable of Greater Manchester, was asked yesterday to explain his relationship with the wealthy businessman at the centre of discipline allegations against his suspended deputy, Mr John Stalker.

He met the chairman and clerk of the Greater Manchester Police Authority for more than two hours following allegations in an ITN news bulletin that he and Mr Kevin Taylor were friends.

Councillor Norman Briggs, the Labour chairman of the authority, said after the meeting: "The chief constable has explained that he is not and never has been a friend of Mr Kevin Taylor."

"Full details of the very limited contacts with Mr Tay-

lor which were notified to me today had already been supplied by the chief constable to Mr Colin Sampson, chief constable of West Yorkshire, at the beginning of his investigation."

It has always been known that Mr Anderton was present at social functions at Greater Manchester police headquarters attended by Mr Taylor as a guest of Mr Stalker. Before the ITN report there had been no suggestion of the relationship going beyond that.

Mr Stalker is suspended while disciplinary allegations that he kept unwise associations with criminals are investigated by Mr Sampson.

Mr Taylor has no criminal record but has been under

Labour keeps silent on by-election poll

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Labour Party officials are holding their tongues over a poll in Newcastle-under-Lyme yesterday to disclose details of a local opinion poll.

The poll, carried out by MORI, was part of a carefully planned exercise by party managers to call the snap by-election at a time most favourable to Mrs Golding.

It concentrated on testing reaction to allegations that the attempted handover of a seat from husband to wife smacked of a political dynasty. It is not known who financed the poll.

Mr John Golding, who gave up his seat to become the general secretary of the National Communications Union, refused to confirm rumours that it was financed by his union.

Pop star arrested after drugs search

Marilyn, the pop star, was arrested yesterday by the police who raided his London home and a number of others, including that of Boy George, the singer, searching for drugs.

No drugs were found at Boy George's news house in Abercorn Place, St John's Wood, north London, during the 7 am raid, and he was not at the house at the time.

But the police have said they still want to question the singer, who is alleged to have taken heroin, although no warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The searches were part of an operation in which six people, including Marilyn, were arrested after substances were found at some of the houses. Police were still questioning those arrested yesterday evening although none had been charged with any offences.

Police from Paddington Green police station entered homes in Maids Vale, Hampstead, Bayswater and other areas of west and north-west London, with search warrants issued under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Steven Luben and Diane Finer, of Westbourne Terrace, Paddington, west London, will appear before Marylebone magistrates today, charged with supplying Boy George with heroin, the police said.

EEC food hoards 'are costing us millions'

The rising cost to the British taxpayer of stockpiling surplus agricultural produce for the EEC was bitterly criticized yesterday by the Commons public accounts committee (our Political Correspondent writes).

In 1984, it cost more than £100 million to store the vast quantities of unwanted food which make up the beef, butter, milk and cereal "mountains" — and after EEC payments Britain was left with a bill of £33 million.

Between 1977 and 1984 the difference between storage costs and Community reimbursements was nearly £84 million.

"Although figures for the

year to November 1985 will not be available for some months the indications are that the rising trend in the annual shortfalls — has continued," the MPs say. "We are concerned at the steeply rising trend."

By the end of 1984 the value of UK intervention stocks was £799 million — an increase of 676 per cent since 1978.

The cost of storing more than three million tonnes of surplus cereal averaged £37 a tonne last year, compared with a purchase price of between £113 and £128 a tonne.

Beef stocks are expected to increase to 98,000 tonnes by next month.

Post-mortem ruled out on cyanide victim

A post-mortem examination on the body of Mr Keith Hedges, a farmer's son who is thought to have poisoned himself with cyanide, was banned yesterday by the Oxfordshire coroner.

Mr Nicholas Gardiner said that he had made the decision because of the danger to the pathologist.

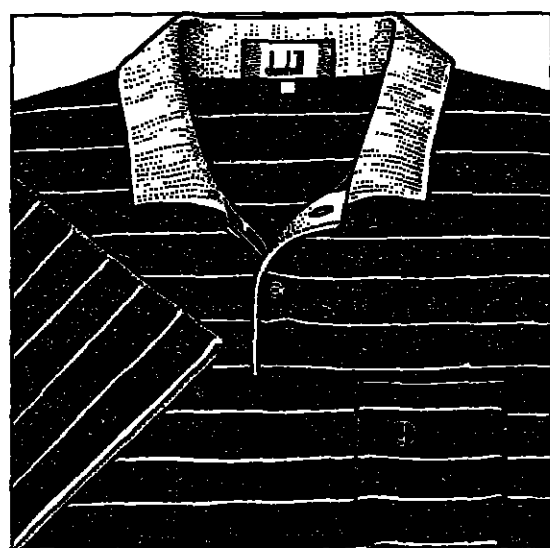
Mr Hedges, aged 27, was found dead in his Land Rover, which had overturned, by his mother, Mrs Ann Hedges, after he had left the family farm in Balscott, Oxfordshire, allegedly threatening to kill himself.

It is thought that he had with him a container of Cymag, a cyanide-based pesticide, some of which he ate.

Rescuers found themselves covered with the powder as they tried to pull Mr Hedges free. Police, ambulancemen and a doctor needed hospital treatment, but all were released later.

Police and firemen, using protective clothing, spent seven hours washing the area. The chemical turns into a deadly gas when in contact with water and it was thought likely that the body contained such fumes.

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Teacher appraisal success

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Teachers' unions and their employers have reached substantial agreement over appraising the performance of teachers in talks at the conciliation service, Acas.

However a settlement on other issues required to make up a package of reforms of pay structure and conditions still appears some way off.

The hard bargaining phase begins today in the negotiations that were set in motion at the end of last year's teachers' pay dispute. The reports of four working parties on conditions of service, salary structure and pay levels, appraisal and negotiating machinery will be on the table.

Little progress has been made in securing agreement except on the subject of appraisal, but issues have been clarified. The aim is to achieve a package of reforms in the autumn.

Optimism has grown that such a package might be approved. That would be a considerable feat. The "wise men" of Acas, with Sir John

Wood as chairman, are having to work with six teachers' unions, all holding differing positions, the local authority employers and the Department of Education and Science.

If the exercise fails, there is little doubt that it will lead to renewed strike action by teachers.

Mr Nigel de Gruchy, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said: "If the exercise leads to failure, either through the local authorities refusing to offer the right pay structure or by the Government withholding the necessary cash, no one should be in any mistake that the NAS/UTW will be back in the trenches."

The working party report on appraisal, agreed by all parties including the National Union of Teachers, proposes that all teachers will be appraised by their immediate supervisor and that heads would be

appraised by someone who had experience as a head.

The NUT, which entered the talks reluctantly and belatedly, is trying to distance itself from some aspects of the report, and the question of whether it will play a constructive or wrecking role has aroused some interest.

No agreement has been reached on teachers covering lessons for absent colleagues. The NUT, the NAS/UTW and the Assistant Masters' and Mistresses' Association say that cover should be provided for one day only for unforeseen absences with all teachers being entitled to retrieve the free time they lost.

The local authorities are refusing to give primary teachers time for marking and preparation during school hours and refusing to concede maximum class sizes.

Unions and employers cannot agree about a new salary structure.

No agreement has been reached on a new negotiating machinery.

Overseas students increase

The number of overseas students coming to Britain for their education has risen for the first time in six years following a 40 per cent decline since 1979 when full-cost fees were introduced, according to figures published yesterday by the British Council (our Education Correspondent writes).

The increase is only 0.9 per cent and must be at least partly attributable to the re-crafting drives mounted in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore by universities, polytechnics and the British Council, culminating in British Education Week in Kuala Lumpur in May.

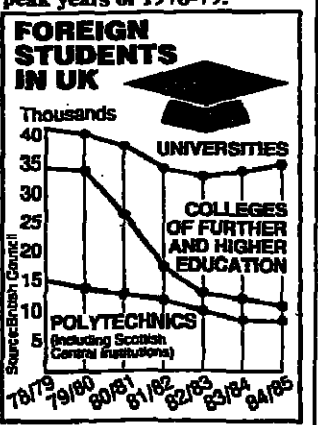
Britain ranks as the fifth most popular nation for higher

education behind the United States, France, the Soviet Union and West Germany. Sir John Burch, the council's director-general, said last year's increase was a step in the right direction but no more.

The figures show that there were 56,121 overseas students in Britain in 1984-85, compared with 55,608 in 1983-84 and 90,792 in 1978-79. Most of the modest increase is due to a rise in the number of overseas students in the universities.

In 1984-85, 13.2 per cent of overseas students came from the poorest countries in the world. The Commonwealth's share dropped by 2 per cent,

meaning there were 38 per cent fewer Commonwealth students in Britain than in the peak years of 1978-79.



Thatcher condemns 'Sogat' raid at depot

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night condemned the latest attack, allegedly involving members of the print union Sogat '82, on a distribution depot for News International newspapers.

She told MPs that police were carrying out an urgent investigation into the weekend raid by 300 men at a depot owned by the distribution company TNT in Eastleigh, Hampshire.

Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Conservative MP for Leominster, who raised the

issue in the Commons said the attack was "outrageous, brutal and vicious".

Mrs Margaret Thatcher said: "I believe that criminal behaviour of this sort will be condemned by decent people everywhere. I understand that the raid on Sunday is the tenth made so far on TNT premises."

"The Hampshire police are conducting an urgent investigation so that those responsible can be brought before the courts. This is no way to conduct an industrial dispute."

Labour ban on adverts faces challenge

A Labour-controlled education authority's decision to withdraw advertisements from *The Times Educational Supplement* because of the Wapping dispute may be challenged in the courts.

The London Borough of Hounslow's education committee decided last month to boycott the weekly newspaper, the leading educational journal despite warnings that they might be exceeding their powers.

The leader of the Alliance group, Mr Jim Daly, is seeking legal opinion about having the decision overturned. Mr Daly, a polytechnic lecturer, said last night: "The council has a statutory duty to provide the best education possible for its pupils. We are short of teachers and here we are boycotting the main source of applications for teaching jobs."

Hounslow is one of 22 Labour-controlled education authorities refusing to advertise in *The Times Educational Supplement*.

Long inquest hears from last witness

The inquiry into the death of Mark Hogg, a prisoner at Exeter Prison, could end today if the coroner decides to start his summing up.

It will be the longest inquest held in Britain.

Hogg, aged 33, of Russia Dock Road, east London, died in hospital in Exeter eight days after escaping and being recaptured near Ilminster, Somerset.

Yesterday Dr Geoffrey Pollock, a London GP, repeated his view that the prison doctors had been caring and conscientious.

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Women earn less than 75% of the average hourly pay for men

Women still earn less than three quarters of the average hourly earnings of men, despite a decade of progress in other areas of equality, according to a report published yesterday by the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Charting the progress of Britain's women from 1975 to 1985, the commission says that "glaring pay inequality" affects millions of working women who depend on their wages to support their family.

In the five years between 1970 and 1975, women's hourly earnings increased from 63 per cent of that of men to 75.5 per cent, according to the report.

But progress towards equal pay came to a halt after 1977 and until April last year the average hourly earnings of full-time women workers, aged 18 and over, remained stationary at 73 to 74 per cent of those for men.

"Whether this position will improve in the light of the January 1984 amendments to the Equal Pay Act still remains to be seen," the report says.

Women comprise 51.3 per cent of the population and

41.4 per cent of the workforce, according to the latest government figures.

Ten years ago full-time male workers aged 18 and over earned a gross average of 136.3 p an hour, compared to 98.3 p for women. In 1985 men earned a gross average of 445.3 p an hour, compared with 329.9 p for women.

The report says that the gap between male and female weekly pay is wider than that for hourly pay, reflecting the longer hours and particularly the greater overtime worked by men.

The gross weekly earnings of full-time women workers, including overtime, last year averaged 65.9 per cent of men's compared with 61.5 per cent in 1975.

In 1975 men's average gross weekly earnings stood at just over £60 compared to £37 for women, but by 1985 men earned an average of £190.40 compared with £125.50 for women.

The 1984 Family Expenditure Survey showed that in 69 per cent of households with a gross weekly income of £200

or above, married women were in paid employment, compared with 39 per cent of households with an income of £100 to £200 and only 12 per cent of households with an income of less than £100.

The EOC said that last year there were only four successful claims for equal pay for equal work, from a total of 16 before industrial tribunals. Five cases were being appealed against.

But the commission says there were many reforms during the past decade which provided more equality of opportunity in education, and reduced sexual discrimination in advertising and the workplace.

Baroness Platt of Writtle, the commission's chairman, said yesterday that it would try to ensure that its code of practice on employment, approved by Parliament in April last year, is accepted by employers throughout the country over the next decade.

Women and Men in Britain, 1985. A Statistical Profile and The Equal Opportunities Commission's Tenth Annual Report, 1985 (Stationery Office, £7.50).



Tommy Steele, the entertainer, in boisterous mood with some of his teenage fans yesterday in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

16 choices on satellite TV service

A Luxembourg television satellite service called Astra will be available next spring in Britain it was confirmed yesterday (Bill Johnstone writes).

Viewers will be able to receive 16 channels from the multi-language television station.

A small parabolic antenna, 85 cms in diameter, will be available in Britain for about £400, or for rent.

Television viewers within an area bounded by Glasgow, Stockholm, Rome and Madrid will be able to receive the signals.

Astra will be a commercial service supported by advertising.

Drop reported for 'take-home' beer

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The £850 million take-home beer market has turned down in volume and even more in value with Guinness, still the biggest selling packaged beer, under pressure from lagers such as Heineken and Carlsberg Special Brew.

That picture emerges from the *Take-Home Beer Market*, the latest annual survey commissioned from independent researchers by Whitbread Take Home, part of Whitbread, the brewers.

The take-home market now accounts for about 15 per cent of beer sales.

Price is a key factor. Buying a 16 oz-can of popular lager in a multiple retail

outlet at the end of last year a consumer would be paying the equivalent of 55p a pint.

The volume of take-home beer sales last year compared with the previous year dropped 0.6 per cent in England and Wales and in Scotland by about 1 per cent.

Heineken, which is brewed in Britain by Whitbread, was the only brand among the leaders to increase its market share, volume being up 7.8 per cent and value 13.3 per cent. But own-label sales were up by nearly a quarter in volume.

The *Take-Home Beer Market* (Whitbread Take Home, Deep Dene House, Dorking, Surrey, free).

Colour TV deliveries up 12.3 %

Trade deliveries of colour television sets rose 12.3 per cent to 865,000 sets in the first quarter of this year but imports seized much of the advantage, increasing 62.4 per cent on the year (Our Industrial Editor writes).

That emerges from the latest analysis of the market by the British Radio & Electronic Equipment Manufacturers' Association.

The recovery in video recorder sales continued in the first quarter of this year with deliveries up 30 per cent.

Compact disc players in the first quarter at 68,000 were four times higher than the same period last year,

'Shop for training' aid to be on screen

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Computer terminals giving people details of education and training opportunities are to be brought into high street shops under a £2 million pilot scheme announced by the Government yesterday.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said that the scheme would be run by the Manpower Services Commission and, if successful, might be extended across the country.

He told an education and training conference in Birmingham: "The simple idea that people will be able to shop for training while shopping at Marks and Spencer is a very exciting prospect."

"I hope it will begin to change people's beliefs about training being the right way for other people, to being the right way for them."

The minister made clear that the so-called "training access points" will be aimed at people in work and the unemployed, and are intended to help them acquire skills and qualifications to strengthen their hand on the labour market.

The terminals will give information on local and national training places, including data on open and distance learning opportunities. They will be sited in Jobcentres, libraries, colleges, and rail and bus stations, as well as shops.

Turning to charges that the Government wanted the country to return to Victorian values, Lord Young said that was anything but the truth in education.

The seeds of today's problems of education and training were sown in the last century when the tradition of moulding the "liberal gentleman" bred such faults as a national disdain for trade and industry.

Tape recording an 'underhand' tactic

Dr Cathy Sinclair, an oil company personnel adviser, who was accused yesterday of using "underhand" tactics in a bid to show she was the victim of sexual discrimination has lost her claim.

Dr Sinclair, aged 37, made secret tapes of meetings with executives at Esso's chemicals plant at Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

She had claimed at an industrial tribunal that company managers staged a campaign of harassment and intimidation against her because she was a woman.

At the resumed hearing at Reading, Berkshire, yesterday Mr Neil Fagan, for Esso, told

the tribunal: "Taping people without telling them they are being taped is unacceptable conduct by any employee. It's surreptitious, underhand and unfair."

He said that the tapes had not revealed any discrimination against Dr Sinclair but showed "fairly reasoned and orderly conversation."

Dr Sinclair, of East Hagbourne, Oxon, who is married, had also alleged two of her superiors asked her for sex.

Mr Victor Leese, the tribunal chairman, said of Esso chemicals: "In this company there was genuine male-orientated aura."

Acid test for lemon case judge

Reckitt and Colman, the food and household goods company which markets Jif lemon juice in squeeze plastic lemons, yesterday asked a High Court judge to ban an American rival's lemon.

The company, which has sold the product for 30 years, said that consumers would be confused by the arrival of a new plastic lemon. It asked Mr Justice Whitford to grant an immediate injunction to stop Borden Inc of the United States launching a similar lemon on the British market.

The judge confessed to being "an adherent of lemon juice, both in bottles and in squeeze lemons", and wondered whether his declared interest might disqualify him from dealing with the case.

Mr Robin Jacob QC, for Reckitt and Colman, said that Borden had given a temporary undertaking not to market its first-try UK lemon. The present battle was to stop it going ahead with a second attempt pending a High Court action due later this year.

Borden, which already sells bottled lemon juice under the name RealLemon, is fighting the case. It claims that Reckitt and Colman has no exclusive right to plastic squeeze lemons.

The case continues today.

Ripper's disco dates in jail a 'malicious hoax'

Allegations that Peter Sutcliffe, the "Yorkshire Ripper", did a deal with Broadmoor doctors to allow him to go to discotheques, barn dances and bingo with women patients, won two psychiatrists "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday.

The allegations appear to have been based upon a malicious hoax, Mr Andrew Pugh, for the doctors, said.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith was told that Dr John Hamil-

ton was medical director at Broadmoor with responsibility for patients and Dr David Tidmarsh was the psychiatrist in charge of Sutcliffe.

The article in *The Sun* in June last year, under the heading "Disco Women for Evil Ripper. Freedom at Hospital", was wrong to say that he had access to the hospital gymnasium, was allowed to take unsupervised walks with his wife, and instructed nurses to fetch him Chinese and Indian food.

Car speed claims censured

Lotus Cars has been asked to tone down its advertisements, which emphasize the high-speed performance of its sports cars, after the Advertising Standards Authority upheld a complaint by Friends of the Earth, the environmental pressure group.

In its summary of complaints published today, the authority says that the Lotus advertisements, which include claims of an "effortless 135 mph top speed" and "it'll hit 60 mph in 6.8 secs flat", were presented in a way that suggested it was safe and reasonable to drive at high speeds. It asked Lotus to moderate the language in future advertisements.

Lotus said that the advertisements focused on the road holding and handling of the car to demonstrate that it was a particularly safe vehicle but at no point suggested that speed limits on Britain's roads were broken.

The authority also investigated 10 complaints about financial advertisements.

Complaints were upheld against: Abbey National Building Society; County Bank Unit Trusts Limited; Furness Building Society; Cumbria; Gresham Unit Assurance Limited; Bourne-mouth; Perpetual Group and The Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses; and, in part, against the Regency Building

Society, East Sussex.

Holiday and travel advertising produced nine complaints of which the authority upheld six and in part supported one.

In one case a member of the public saw an advertisement in a Yorkshire local paper offering three-day breaks by rail from home town stations to London from only £37, but discovered that the starting price applied only to journeys from the Home Counties.

Other complaints were upheld against: Britany Ferries; Brymon Airways, Plymouth; Grey Gables, Isle of Wight; Luton & District Transport; and partly upheld against Private Pool Villas, Cambridge.

Telecom wired for wedding

By Bill Johnstone
Technology Correspondent

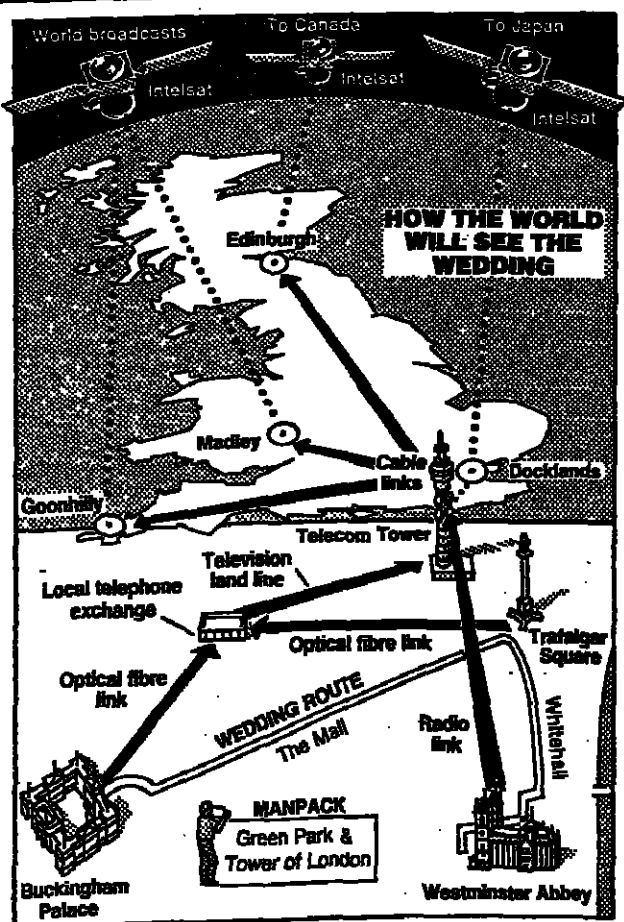
British Telecom is to mount one of its most ambitious international broadcasting programmes for the royal wedding of July 23 when satellite and glass-fibre cables will carry television pictures to about 500 million homes in 50 countries.

Optical fibres, glass fibres the width of a human hair, will be used by BT for the first time in an outside broadcast and will carry television pictures from the end of The Mall to a central London exchange.

Its location is being kept secret for security reasons. Most of the 50 countries will have television crews in London, but only the BBC cameras will be allowed into Westminster Abbey.

All the television pictures will be fed through the BT network to the foreign television companies. Most of the television pictures will travel by cable or microwave to the BT tower in London to the corporation's satellite earth stations in Goonhilly, Cornwall, and Madley, Herefordshire.

However, because of the Commonwealth Games, due to begin in Edinburgh the following day, the links for Canada



to Scotland and then be beamed by satellite to Canada. The Japanese pictures will go by BT's new satellite earth station, Teletop, in London's Docklands.

Mr Simon Weston, who suffered severe burns during the Falklands conflict, returned to the Queen Elizabeth

which, south-east London, for more operations yesterday but he is determined to be out in time to celebrate the royal wedding.

Mr Weston, from Nelson, Mid Glamorgan, will be guest of honour at a charity ball organized by the British Heritage Group in London on July

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SOUTH AFRICA

The Prime Minister announced, amid loud Conservative cheers, that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is to meet Mr P W Botha, the South African state president, on a date in July which has now been arranged. The announcement came after Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, had attacked the continuation of the mission when leaders in South Africa refused to meet Sir Geoffrey. Mr Kinnock later said that Sir Geoffrey was filling in time on a false errand.

Mrs Thatcher accused Mr Kinnock of undermining the Foreign Secretary. Later in question time, Mrs Thatcher said the attitude of the Church of England Synod was ironic in wanting to help end famine, starvation and poverty, but supporting economic sanctions which would increase them.

Mr Kinnock: When President Botha cannot find time to see the Foreign Secretary, when black leaders will not see him, when the attitude of the African National Congress and the leaders of the front line states could not be more plain or more opposed to the Prime Minister's attitude to sanctions, what is the purpose of sending Sir Geoffrey Howe to southern Africa this week?

Mrs Thatcher: President Botha will be seeing the Foreign Secretary on a date which has now been arranged (loud Conservative cheers) in July. (Revered cheers) convenient to both.

A Labour MP: A fishing trip? Mrs Thatcher: The Foreign Secretary will be going to the front line states earlier and will be hoping to see some heads of government or heads of state, rather than thought that Mr Kinnock was supporting the Foreign Secretary in his action. He said last week that he wished him well. At the present moment he is doing everything he can to undermine him. Mr Kinnock: That is impossible when the Prime Minister has done such an effective job in scuttling him. It is not my

enthusiasm which is required but the response of P W Botha. Why is it that he wants to wait on the convenience of Botha? (Conservative protests). People of all parties in this country take it ill that our Foreign Secretary should be regarded with such contempt by a bunch of racist gangsters in South Africa. Mrs Thatcher: He must hard up for a question if he asks such bunkum.

Mr Kinnock: I ask the Prime Minister what precisely is the purpose of him going to southern Africa this week? Is it not a question of filling in time on a false errand?

Mrs Thatcher: He goes there representing 12 governments of Europe. He goes there not only representing this country, but representing the 12 governments of Europe when they said, in the European Council that they had "decided to ask the future United Kingdom presidency to send a minister to visit southern Africa in a further effort to establish conditions in which the necessary dialogue can commence." The 12 governments, heads of government and foreign ministers have great faith in the Foreign Secretary.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Labour): If the Foreign Secretary is not successful in the mission that she and the other governments have sent him on, and Nelson Mandela is not released from prison, and there is no end to apartheid, is she then going to give us an assurance that the Government will decide that there will be economic sanctions against South Africa?

Mrs Thatcher: The position is set out in the communiqué issued by the 12 governments and it says this: In the meantime for the next three months the Community will enter into consultations with other industrialized countries on further measures which might be needed, in particular a ban on new investment, the import of coal, iron, steel and gold coins from South Africa. There is nothing automatic about that but contingencies are being made and other countries are being consulted. Sir Geoffrey Howe is going representing the whole of the nations of the European Community who have great confidence in him.

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Mrs Thatcher: Most decent people everywhere totally and utterly condemn the necklace and the use to which it has been put in South Africa. For that and other reasons the Commonwealth conference called upon both sides for the suspension of violence so that it would bring about conditions in which a dialogue can take place between the government of South Africa and proper representatives of black South Africans.

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Good wishes for Mr Heath

During the course of exchanges about South Africa, Mr Harry Ewing (Falkirk East, Lab) said to Mrs Thatcher: Her predecessor as leader of the Conservative Party tomorrow celebrates his seventieth birthday. Will the Prime Minister convey the good wishes that Mr Heath will long continue to represent with strength and vigour the human face of the Conservative Party which is more important now than ever in view of the inhuman approach to almost every subject?

Mrs Thatcher: I gladly wish Mr Heath well and a very happy birthday. He is as much as anyone an economic sanctions as I am.

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EDUCATION

The Government is publishing a consultation document tomorrow, (Thursday) aimed at achieving an improvement in recruitment of mathematics and science teachers, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced during Commons questions.

He added that he was already working on a wide range of measures with the education service and industry to counter what he described as a grave crisis.

It was necessary to find ways of attracting more people — perhaps ex-servicemen — to teach in science subjects. Salary differentials might be a useful incentive. Mr Alan Howarth (Stratford-on-Avon, C) said the most important single cause of the shortage of maths and science teachers could be traced to years of negative attitude towards salary representation by teachers' representatives on the Burnham Committee. It meant that British school-leavers were, on average, two years behind their German and Japanese

counterparts, with all the disadvantages that meant for them and for the British economy. Mr Baker said the shortage of teachers of maths, physics and technological subjects was a



Baker: Crisis building up for a long time. It had been building up for a long time.

His consultation document put forward eight different proposals. He hoped that when it had been considered by the education world and industry, there would be more proposals. The question of whether differentials should be re-

cognized was a matter that would have to be addressed by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas).

He took the point that differentials should be available to enable more people to teach in such subjects. He added, during later exchanges, that the consultation document set out the number of applications by graduates who wanted to take courses in teaching physics and maths.

We must find ways, explore all measures, for attracting more people to teaching (he said) — involving industry and encouraging people with mathematical and technological backgrounds to teach in some of our schools.

He wanted to see in such teaching posts people who had retired from the armed services, men of whom now had strong technological backgrounds. He knew of officers and non-commissioned officers who were teaching in the computer sciences.

It was necessary to persuade children at primary level to take an interest in such subjects, so that there was a steady stream through the educational system. Mr Clement Freud (Cambridge, Lib) wondered if

Mr Baker realized that paying one set of teachers more than another would create differences among the teaching force.

Mr Baker said there were already pay differentials in recognition of merit, quality and responsibility.

Cllr Radice, chief Opposition spokesman on education: Given the present crisis and the need to act swiftly should not we call on industry, which is rightly always asking schools to raise standards, and organize an immediate programme of secondment of qualified people to our schools?

Mr Baker: There are various proposals in the document involving industry fully. The CEC for example will find work for teachers in their factories for four or five weeks a year.

So far as there is a crisis, I hope he recognizes that any crisis is of the previous Government's making. Back in 1977 the Labour Government started a series of initiatives some of which have not worked.

In fact, previous governments have tried to do this for more than 30 years. In the late 1940s some people in the Labour Government decided to try to decide to teach maths and physics.

Protest at burden on peers

HOUSE OF LORDS

A strong Labour protest was made in the House of Lords at the overloading of the Government's legislative programme. A great burden on the House, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, launched what he called a serious protest at the burden of work placed on the House. He called for at least one Bill to be deferred to next session.

He said that it had been the House's return from the summer recess at the start of the Labour Conference (at the end of September) and would sit through the Conservative conference, in the following week. We are experiencing a very heavy session (he said) — one of the heaviest on record. This is due primarily to the Government's failure to calculate the consequences of overloading the legislative programme.

He said that the Lords had so far this year sat for 904 hours 21 minutes and there had been 72 sittings after 10 pm, a considerable increase on the previous year.

Government Bills had not been properly thought out and that had placed a great burden on the House in properly scrutinising and amending them. Lord Harris of Greenwich (SDP) said the House was now sitting longer than any other democratic assembly in the western world. He urged consideration of introducing standing committees to examine some Bills.

Viscount Whitelaw, leader of the House, apologized for the situation and said he realized that the House had been overworked. He hoped that the Lords would not have to sit into the first week of August. It would certainly sit during the Conservative Party Conference. There was too much legislation. The difficulty, as happened with all parliaments, was that a programme was always added to, usually by unforeseen Bills and by circumstances which no one could have foreseen at the start.

We will do our best (he added) to make sure that a future session does not run into the same problem.

Royal Assent

The following Acts received Royal Assent (Road Traffic Regulation (Parking) Children and Young Persons (Amendment); Consumer Safety (Amendment); Forestry; Drug Trafficking Offences; Airports; Protection of Military Remains; Protection of Children (Forestry); Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation); Harrogate Borough Council; South Yorkshire Passenger Transport; and Clifton Suspension Bridge).

MPs reject Labour move on 'backdoor' sanctions

FINANCE BILL

An Opposition move described by one Conservative backbench MP as an attempt to introduce sanctions against South Africa by the back door was defeated at a vote in the House of Commons. The amendment would enable MPs to express a clear view. It would be a muted censure call, showing the ways in which British could express its revulsion at apartheid.

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Mr Michael Hirst (Strathkelvin and Bearsden, C) said the amendment was so widely drawn there was hardly a leading financial company that would escape. Almost all had some form of investment or connection either directly or indirectly with South Africa.

The amendment would emasculate the personal equity plan

while at the same time being unlikely to deter any company from trading with or investing in South Africa.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Stockton South, SDP) said the amendment was likely to catch even the Co-op Bank and the Unit Trust and other organiza-

tions close to the hearts of the Opposition.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said the scheme would help only those with substantial incomes and what was even more unacceptable was that such tax relief should be allowed to companies with South African connections. All were against apartheid; the question was what was to be done about it?

To talk without taking action was not enough. British companies with substantial holdings of 30 per cent or more in South Africa were household names. They included Barclays Bank, the Beecham Group, Boots, GUS, Rio Tinto and many others.

Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said he was sorry the personal equity plan had received such a sour response from the Opposition. Its purpose was to increase share ownership and to make shares available to people of modest means.

The personal equity plan might be modest but it could be the start of something significant and far reaching.

The amendment, which had recently been described as sanctions by the backdoor, was unwelcome. It would not just preclude from the personal equity plan any company or its subsidiary which traded or invested in South Africa, it would also preclude any company which had any transactions with another company with South African connections.

That would be unenforceable. Who would enforce it and how would failures to comply be discovered?

It would be penalizing the wrong people. It would put the penalty on the investor and plan managers for something they knew nothing about and would have no way of finding out and which was not illegal.

The amendment was rejected by 232 votes to 134 — Govern-

Bishop talks of effect of high salaries

PAY RESTRAINT

There was something innately wrong about saying that those who created the wealth of the country should not be rewarded, Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment, told the House of Lords. During questions about the extent to which pay increases were outstripping the inflation rate, the Bishop of Manchester, the Rt Rev Stanley Cribb, declared that large sums were paid to individuals, sometimes running to £200,000 a year. That made it difficult to encourage pay restraint for those on lower incomes.

Lord Young of Grafton said that it was important to have a strong industrial base where

wealth creation was rewarded. Lord Beswick (Lab): Has the minister seen in *The Times* this morning that £60,000 a year is offered to someone leaving a university and going into the money market? When bright young things in the City are earning £50,000 to £60,000 a year for wheeling and dealing in money and in mergers, is there not something innately wrong about saying that those who create the wealth of this country should not be rewarded?

Lord Young of Grafton: I must confess that there is something innately wrong when one looks to those who create the wealth of this country and says they should not be rewarded.

Last year those in manufacturing industry saw pay rises of 7.5 per cent when they only needed 1.2 per cent to maintain living standards. In the long run that would mean fewer jobs.

Parole scheme improvement in prospect

The Government is looking for ways to improve the operation of the parole scheme for people serving short sentences. Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in the House of Lords.

Lord Glenarthur said that the Government was aware of the concern expressed by the judiciary about the operation of the scheme in respect of prisoners serving short sentences. He had been asked by Lord Newbould (C) whether the Government had considered the views of the judges of the Crown Court on the extension of the grant of parole to prisoners sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

Lord Glenarthur: We are looking to see if local review committees can be provided with better information.

North Sea herring in abundance

The North Sea herring, which a decade ago seemed in danger of extinction, is now in embarrassing surplus (our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

During the late 1970s and early 1980s severe restrictions were imposed on herring fishing to conserve stocks, and landings in EEC countries dropped from 760,000 tonnes in 1973 to barely 100,000 tonnes in 1979.

According to a report prepared by Nautilus Consultants, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, for the Irish Sea Fisheries Board, stocks have since recovered to the extent that landings are predicted to reach 534,000 tonnes this year and 706,000 tonnes by 1990.

The surplus has arisen as, during the years catches were restricted, arrangements were made to import from non-EEC countries.

Supplies last year exceeded demand by an estimated 63 per cent and, even assuming optimistically that consumption will increase by 5 per cent a year, by 1990 the EEC will land twice as much

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

Some of the more thoughtful Conservatives are becoming worried that the party may be losing the battle of ideas. To prevent that happening will be one of the principal objectives of the Hughes Foundation, a new research group under the chairmanship of Lord Hughes of the Hirsell which held its first public seminar in Birmingham yesterday.

It is not a task which can be accomplished by any group of that sort on its own. But the Hughes Foundation has to its mind identified one of the serious challenges now facing the Conservative Party.

It is not so much that Conservatives are losing the intellectual argument as that they are losing the argument with intellectuals. The public dialogue has changed a good deal since Mrs Margaret Thatcher came to power, largely in her favour.

There is more respect for enterprise, more economic realism, more tough-mindedness. The belief that people must solve their own problems without waiting for the state to do it for them has more adherents today.

Her impact on attitudes in this country has been considerable. That is evident from the extent to which the other parties have been quietly adjusting their thinking to take account of her achievements.

Votes influenced by intellectuals

Yet there has been developing at the same time an anti-Conservative reaction in academic circles. Over a period of time that could be very damaging to the party. Votes are influenced by the intellectual climate only after an interval, but they are influenced. It has its effect upon the thinking of opinion-formers and then indirectly upon the electorate at large.

What has been happening now can be attributed partly to the squeeze on academic spending. Academics do not behave all that differently from other groups when they find their interests affected.

When there is not enough money around they are easily persuaded that the Government does not appreciate their activities, and that a government which fails to appreciate their activities is by definition unmindful of the country's future and is a philistine administration.

I do not mean to imply that there is no substance in those grievances. The squeeze on academic spending has been severe. To some extent that may have a beneficial effect on the performance of universities and polytechnics in the long run. Some shake-out was necessary. But it has almost certainly gone far further than was desirable.

Academic resentment at the moment, however, is based on more than detached scholarly judgement. Self-interest and objective criticism reinforce each other.

Nor is it only the restraints on academic spending that are upsetting to intellectuals. For the Government to believe that a secure economic base must be the overriding priority of public policy is a perfectly rational judgement. But such a concentration upon economic objectives by an administration is bound to have an inhibiting effect upon other policies.

Grating drumbeat of argument

Above all, though, it is the Government's style, especially Mrs Thatcher's style, that grates on many intellectuals. She has achieved her impact on public opinion by insistence on a few basic propositions. She never scorns to make what she considers a good point more than once.

That drumbeat of argument is a more effective form of political persuasion than her critics often appreciate. But it can easily seem both dogmatic and simplistic.

Her greatest political strength is that she seldom seems in doubt, but that can also be her greatest political weakness. It is not easy for a conviction politician to seem interested in the interplay of ideas, especially those ideas which do not fit comfortably with her basic principles.

Throughout her administration Mrs Thatcher has been determined to avoid the U-turns of the Heath Government. That has led, her frequently to sound far more inflexible than in fact she is. There is no case now for her to put her strategy into reverse. That would be neither good government nor good politics. But ministers who have held office for more than seven years need to be particularly careful to convey that they are

Scarman plea on rebuilding cities

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The people who live in derelict inner-city areas must have a greater role in deciding how they are to be rebuilt, Lord Scarman, author of the government inquiry into the Brixton riots in 1981, said yesterday.

The experts — architects, planners, surveyors, builders and local authority administrators — must prepare their design with the fullest possible access to the public who will use the buildings.

One of the most extraordinary findings in the Brixton inquiry, he said, was how the residential, industrial and commercial buildings had been erected without any idea as to what was wanted by the people who would use them.

Lord Scarman was speaking at the launch of an international conference on the inner cities to take place in November in London. The keynote speaker will be the Prince of Wales, who has taken a close interest in community welfare.

Dr Rod Hackney, the community architect and adviser to the Prince, said yesterday that an important initiative on

the inner cities would be announced at the November conference, based on the premise that the way forward was from the grass roots, from the bottom up rather than the top down.

He emphasized the importance of residents and said that the professionals must play an enabling role. It would need re-education of architects and planners.

Dr Hackney said that it was important to heal the wounds in the inner cities. "There is alienation between the have and have not. We have to see if this gap can be bridged."

Later this week Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, is expected to announce the formation of eight new urban development corporations.

Lord Scarman, looking to the future, said: "Ultimately I would like to see a new depth coming to our democratic process in this country. Our conference will be an essential introduction to the work of rebuilding and renewing our inner cities as civilized places to live in, work in and have

Renault in supercar sales race

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

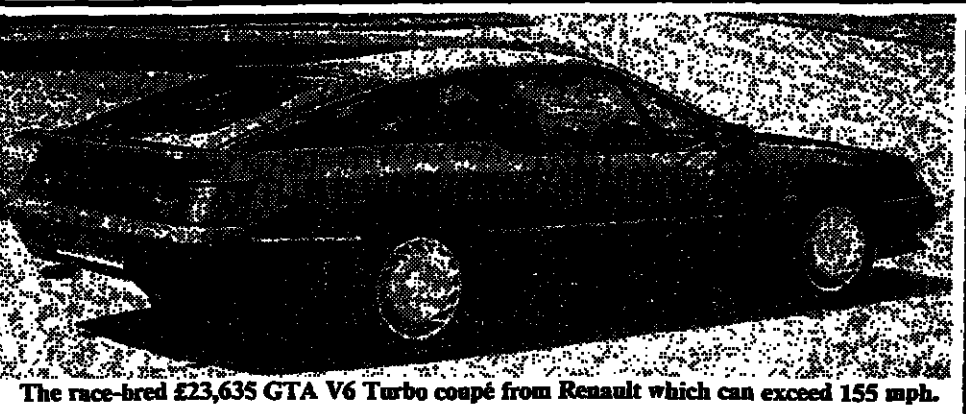
Renault today joins the increasingly fierce battle for sales in the British "supercar" market with a sleek new race-bred coupé which leads the world in aerodynamic efficiency.

In its fastest form it can, on autobahns at least, exceed 155 mph.

The Renault GTA 2.8 litre V6 is available in both turbo charged and normally aspirated form. Following current Formula 1 practice, the engine is mounted at the rear in a body constructed from a composite of glass fibre which is claimed to be three times stronger and lighter than steel.

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Main competitors are the Porsche 944 and 911 and the Lotus Excel and Esprit models. In the past six years the high performance coupé sector in Britain has grown by more than 125 per cent. Last year's sales reached a record 6,000.

Porsche is the current market leader with 3,400, of which

nearly half are the £19,497 Porsche 944. The Renault GTA V6 costs £19,040 and the turbo charged version £23,635.

It is being assembled at Dieppe by Renault's Alpine subsidiary which has considerable experience with "plastic" bodied sports cars.

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£10,000-£15,000) to the same anonymous bidder.

These were the star lots in a sale of decorative arts from 1880 to the present day which produced a total of £439,884.

A furniture sale at Phillips yesterday made £223,531 with 17 per cent bought in, and a French dealer paid £46,200 for a Louis XV writing table by Pierre Migeon II, 1701-1758.

Bureau is the star of £3.25m Tom Burn sale

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Time is not yet ripe for legislating on women priests, General Synod finds

Proposals for changes in church law are deferred

By Angela Johnson and Alan Wood

A decision by the General Synod of the Church of England on the issue of women priests was deferred yesterday at York, in the overriding interests of church unity.

The postponement, at the request of the House of Bishops, was welcomed by supporters and opponents of the ordination of women.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, both wanted the House of Bishops to be able to report on the issue, suggesting a dead-

line of next February.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who felt tempers needed to cool on both sides, said the Bishops had grave anxiety about proposals which had "radical implications for the exercise of episcopacy in the Church of England".

The report being debated suggested detailed options for draft legislation with special arrangements for priests who oppose the ordination of women. It also canvassed the possibility of a separate church retaining an all-male priesthood.



Sister Carol of the Community of the Holy Name, Malvern Link, and (top right) Mrs Susan Page of Norwich addressing the Synod yesterday, and Professor David McClean, who opened the debate (Photograph: John Voos).

Runcie calls for tempers to cool

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said that the Church of England would hardly be the same body if some or all of the options in the report were acted upon.

He said that tempers needed to cool on either side. In itself the report was not sufficient for wise judgement to be made. The Synod had made clear that no one could predict the day when the Church of England would proceed to the ordination of women, but slow progress had the merit of enabling change without bringing self-destruction on the church.

He indicated that he would be voting for the amendment by the House of Bishops.

He was disposed to be sympathetic to some safeguards for bishops, priests and laity, who could not in conscience accept the ordination of women, and for some financial provision for those who must part from their friends.

He said: "I would prefer the Synod to avoid taking options today, whether safeguards or the more revolutionary suggestions for separate episcopal

administration because the report has radical implications for the exercise of episcopacy in the Church of England. On this the bishops have grave anxiety."

"Some of the options before us would mean fundamental departure from episcopal government as the Church of England has known it since the time of St Augustine of Canterbury. It becomes a moot point whether the ordination of women or the abolition of diocesan episcopacy would be the greater change."

He added: "To speak of parallel episcopates not in full communion is to legitimize schism."

"This would no longer be the Church of England as we have known it," Dr Runcie added that at the root of some of the options was the view, apparently held by some, that bishops who had associated themselves with the ordination of women would no longer be valid ministers of the sacraments.

To cheer he said: "I find this an extraordinary attitude."

Go-ahead soon for Thames crossing

Government approval for a new crossing of the Thames at Dartford is expected within a month as delays to the existing Dartford Tunnel build up to their summer peak (Michael Bailey writes).

The choice seems likely to be another tunnel, which could be in place by about 1992 to cut traffic jams already causing severe problems at weekends, rush hours, and summer holiday peaks.

The new crossing will be close to the existing tunnels, providing a further direct link between the M25 motorway north and south of the Thames. It is expected to provide up to four lanes.

Carpet factory for Nato work

Dayron Corporation of Florida, an American defence company, and the Bromard Group, based in Hove, West Sussex, are to take over a former carpet factory in Gwent, creating 100 jobs in a project backed by Welsh Office grants.

The factory, on an industrial estate near Crumlin, will produce fuses for two Nato weapons programmes, a multiple-launch rocket system and a 155 mm artillery shell.

Policing plea as crime soars

The fight against crime on Humberside is being affected by a lack of manpower, Mr David Hall, the chief constable, says in his annual report.

Serious crimes recorded in the county rose to 71,182 in 1985, a 14.9 per cent rise. Criminal damage offences were up by 26.7 per cent, and violence against the person, including eight murders, by 24 per cent.

Prehistoric circle sold

Long Meg Farm, Little Salkeld, Cumbria, with the prehistoric stone circle, Long Meg and Her Daughters, was sold at auction in Penrith yesterday for £338,000.

The circle of 65 stones plus 18 ft-high Long Meg, which is an English Heritage monument, was said by Wordsworth "in a sonnet to have no rival" in singularity and dignity of appearance.

Questions raised on parishes and authority of bishops

Professor David McClean, of Sheffield, chairman of the House of Laity, who opened the debate, told the Synod about possible changes in the church, particularly at parish levels, if women were to be ordained to the priesthood.

Speaking on a report about the possible scope of legislative changes which would be needed he said: "It is not, as some seem to think, an attempt to predict the consequences of ordaining women priests. The various possibilities looked at in the reports will happen if, and only if, the Synod wants them to happen."

He spoke of divided parishes, mass resignations and large compensation payments, should women be ordained to the priesthood. That was not an attempt to prevent the ordination of women priests, he added. Some members of the church accepted it but provisions would have to be made for those who did not.

He said: "My own position is that I cannot accept that any part of the church can be allowed to repudiate a bishop

who has acted in complete conformity with the official teachings and canon law of that church. Some will want to argue that it is right to protect the consciences of individual bishops but not to the extent of creating no-go dioceses. That would involve bishops being required to delegate the duties they felt unable to carry out personally.

"In many areas we recognize that some parts of the church are more able than others to accept change. We jealously protect the right to keep the familiar and established ways. "It is for the Synod to decide whether any special provisions should be made for priests resigning over this particular issue. If provision is

to be made, the right level needs to be fixed.

"We need to look again at our treatment of clergymen who feel obliged to leave on any doctrinal grounds. I would sooner look at it in those terms, across the board, rather than treat this particular case as unique.

"I have heard some say that the Synod should vote not to receive this report. That really would produce complete confusion."

He added: "If the report is received, the Synod is not committed to anything it contains, and can approve or reject or amend. The whole point of today's exercise is to get the mind of the Synod on these matters."

Professor McClean said that the report was an attempt to prevent divisions within the church that could create "a patchwork of enclaves within dioceses", which could occur should women be ordained to the priesthood.

Sister Carol of the Community of the Holy Name, Malvern Link, Worcestershire, said that she was being obliged

to receive a report which she preferred to see consigned to the waste paper bin.

It was incredible that some of the options were in seriousness being presented as viable.

She could not believe that the document represented the creative way forward. Legislation, if it were to follow, would lead to long-term disunity and strange forms of peace. She found it difficult to put the document in a gospel context. No one would be at peace in a fragmented church. However,

she would support referral to the House of Bishops.

The Bishop of London, the Rt Rev Graham Leonard, a leading opponent of the ordination of women, said that he had felt compelled to stand out to maintain further the unity of the church, to uphold its discipline and guard its faith.

He welcomed the proposition that the report should go to the House of Bishops.

He had never advocated schism or said that he would lead a breakaway church. He had expressly repudiated such suggestions. What he had said was that if they had what appeared to be two irreconcilable positions, they must find a way of co-existing without forcing a schism.

Mrs Susan Page, of Norwich, said: "We need time for the measure to work. I suggest we limit the experience to a few parishes, and I suggest four, for a period of four years. For the 'no' brigade this experience will show if we are wrong [to ordain women to the priesthood] and at the end of the four years the experiment will show what safeguards will be necessary."

The Rev John Moore, of Kinross, Bournemouth, said that he approached the report with mixed feelings. Some priests who opposed ordination of women would be bound to leave the church, and he feared a split.

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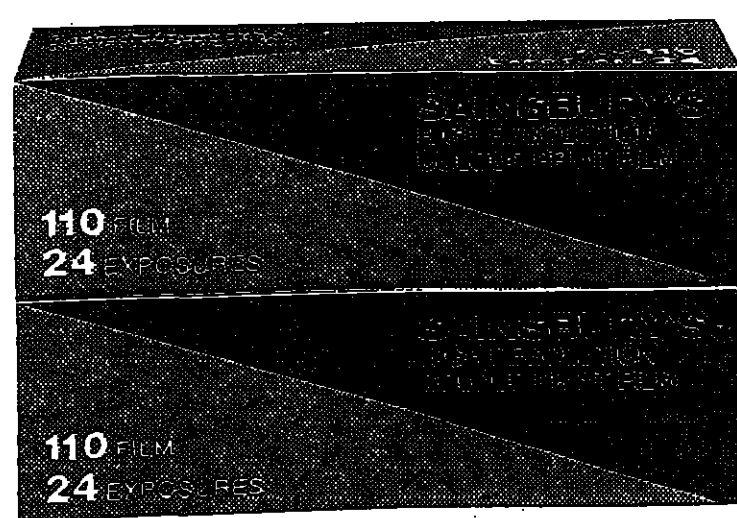
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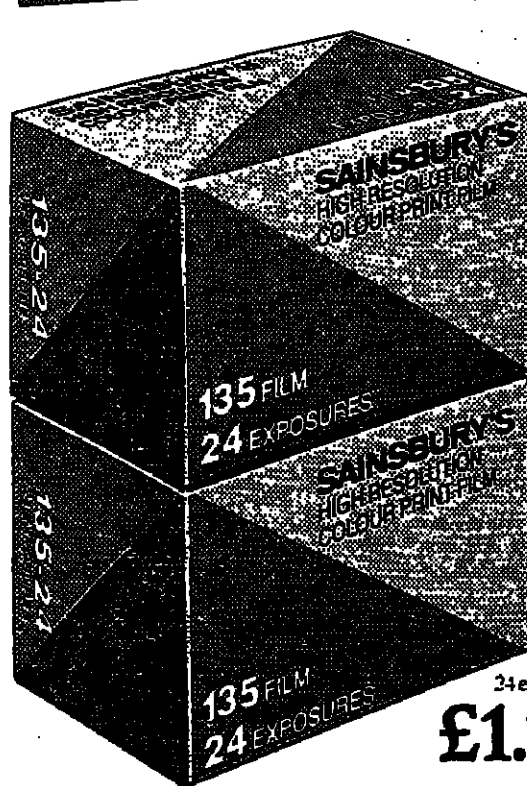
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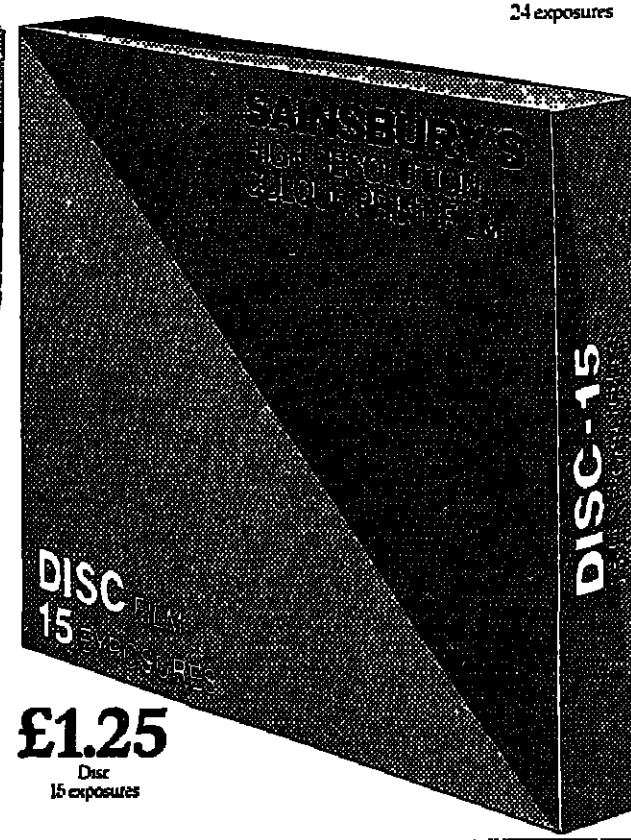
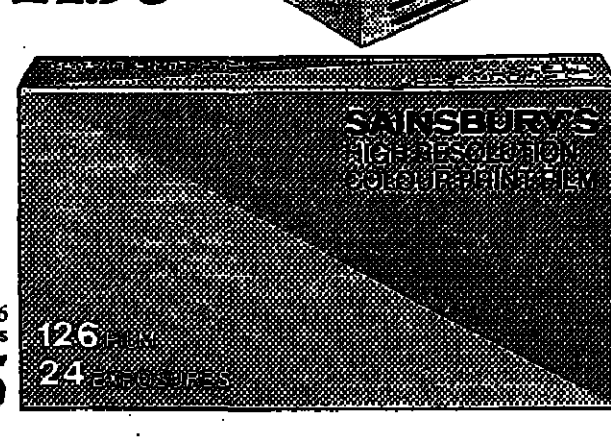


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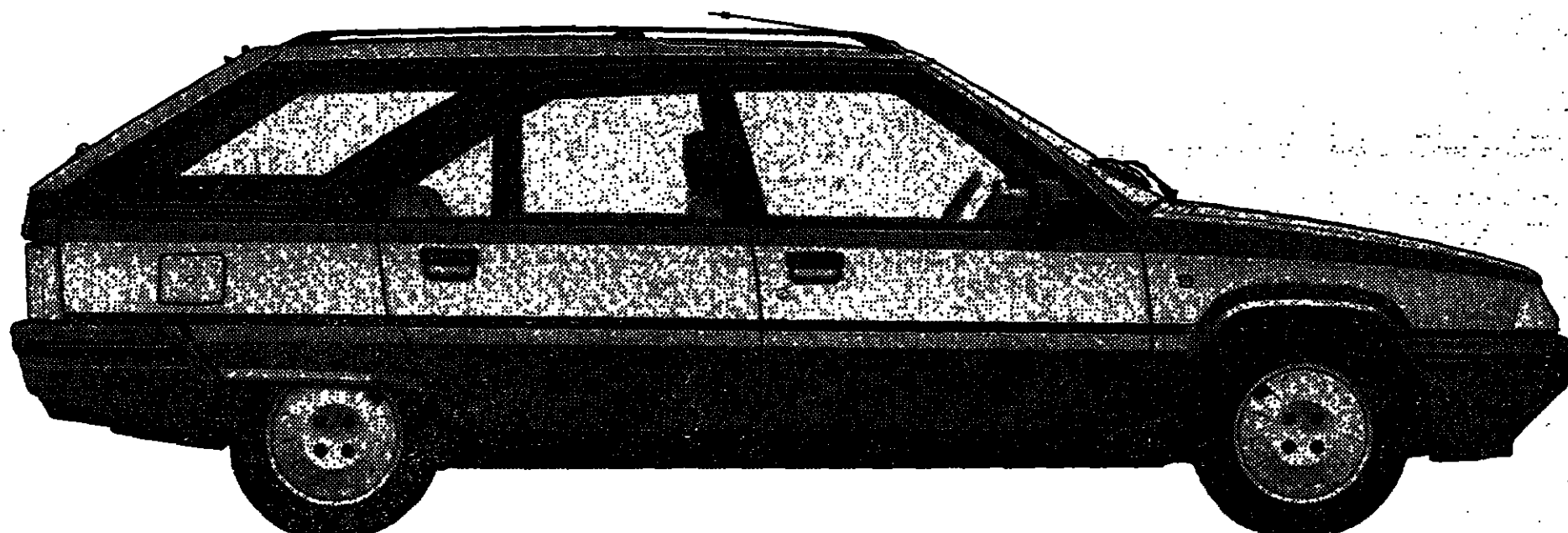
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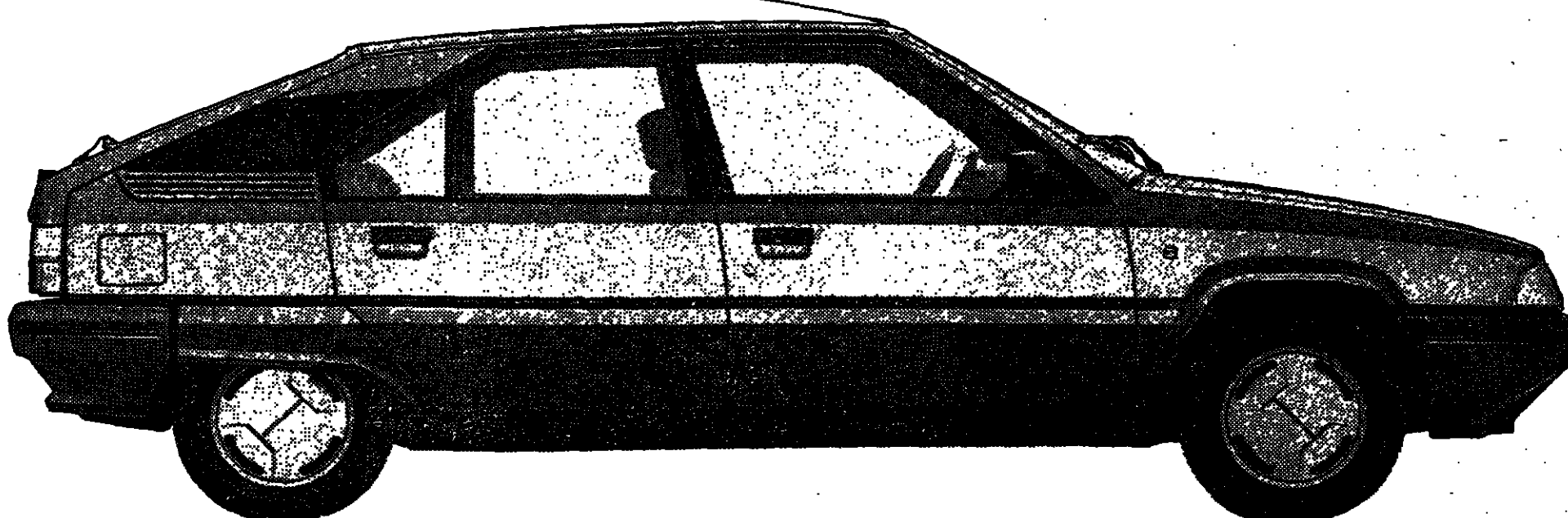


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New Zealand outraged over 'Club-Med' detention for French agents

Speaker ousts MPs as Rainbow Warrior deal draws fierce criticism

From Richard Long, Wellington

Four senior opposition MPs were ordered from Parliament yesterday as an angry scene erupted over the New Zealand Government's decision to release into French custody the jailed Rainbow Warrior saboteurs.

The four, ordered from the chamber amid scenes de-

scribed by parliamentary observers as the "rowdiest for years" were: Sir Robert Muldoon, the former Prime Minister; Mr Warren Cooper, the former Foreign Affairs Minister; Mr Rob Talbot, the former Tourism Minister; and Mr Jack Luxton, an MP.

The uproar from opposition

benches greeted the ministerial statement of Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, on the United Nations arbitration of the Rainbow Warrior affair, and particularly, the agreement to release the agents into French hands on the French Polynesian atoll of Hao.

Captain Dominique Prieur and Major Alain Maifart, agents of the French Secret Service, were sentenced to 10 years' jail for their part in the bombing of the Greenpeace flagship and the resulting death of a crew member.

The fall-out from the arbitration hit the Government from several directions. Some of the strongest newspaper editorials seen here in recent years described the release of the agents as "gutless" and assailing the New Zealand justice system down the river for "blood money". (Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, ordered that Paris pay about £4.37 million in compensation under his binding arbitration of the dispute).

Meanwhile a television opinion poll last night showed that 63 per cent of respondents disapproved of the Government's releasing the agents, while only 30 per cent supported it.

Newspaper editorials and opposition MPs focused to a large extent on the words used by Sir Ronald Davidson, the Chief Justice, when he sentenced the agents on November 22 last year: "People who



The town of Hao on the remote French-Polynesian atoll where the convicted agents will be spending the next three years.

come to this country and commit terrorist activities cannot expect to have a short holiday at the expense of the Government and return home as heroes."

The country's largest daily newspaper, *The New Zealand Herald*, commented: "It is now clear that any nation big enough and unscrupulous enough can send agents to New Zealand, wreak havoc, kill people and then, with a bit of arm-twisting and a cash sweetener, have the gutsy Government kick the court in the teeth and dump all the police work in the garbage."

It said that Wellington had "certainly buckled in the face of outrageous behaviour by France, the so-called Republic of liberty, equality and frater-

nity, which might be better rendered as mendacity, perfidy and effrontery."

The Auckland Star, similarly outraged, said the Government had sold the New Zealand justice system down the Seine for \$7 million of blood money. "So much for the pious platitudes that the New Zealand justice system is not for sale," it said.

"The selling of the justice system is more than contemptible. It is an act of political hypocrisy of the lowest order. This Government ought to resign..."

In Parliament Mr Lange was greeted with cries of "rubbish" when he emphasized that the arbitration did not mean that the agents would be released to freedom. Dr Gerard Wall, the Speak-

er, ordered the four opposition MPs from the Chamber when the uproar continued.

Mr Lange said the atoll of Hao, north of the French nuclear testing ground at Mururoa, was no holiday camp. The agents would spend three years on a tiny facility there and this was a substantial deprivation of liberty.

But Mr Jim Bolger, the Opposition leader, recited previous assurances given by Mr Lange that the agents were not for sale and would not be released during the term of his Government. He asked if the Government would provide sun-tan lotion and scuba gear when it released them into their "Club-Med-style" detention.

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Talks founder over Greenpeace bill

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Efforts to agree on damages to be paid by France to Greenpeace over the Rainbow Warrior affair have broken down. Binding arbitration will now be used to fix a figure independent of Monday's deal between the French and New Zealand Governments.

The name of the Greenpeace arbitrator will be announced tomorrow on the first anniversary of the sinking of the flagship in Auckland Harbour. The French Government will name the second arbitrator and then the two will choose an independent chairman.

France accepted responsibility for the sinking just before Christmas last year and agreed to a 90-day bargaining period to settle damages with Greenpeace. The bargaining process was, however, interrupted in the spring by the defeat of the Socialist Government of M Laurent Fabius and the arrival of the administration of M Jacques Chirac.

Greenpeace said it had made a claim in February, but virtually nothing had happened in the 90 days.

The organization, which has its international headquarters in Lewes, East Sussex, said it welcomed the compensation agreed between the governments of France and New Zealand, but regretted that France had to be asked to apologise for the sinking, which caused a deep diplomatic rift between the two countries.

A spokesman for the organization said it remained opposed to French nuclear testing in the Pacific and supported the anti-nuclear policies of the Government of Mr David Lange.

"We understand the pressures he has been under... We will continue to support him 100 per cent as long as he continues to work for a nuclear-free Pacific and a nuclear-free world."

Economic overhaul for Japan

Tokyo (Reuters) — The overwhelming election victory by Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, has paved the way for a complete overhaul of the Japanese economy, analysts said yesterday.

Despite the country's poor economic performance in the first quarter — its worst showing in 11 years — voters gave Mr Nakasone's Liberal Democratic Party its biggest win with 304 of the Lower House's 512 seats.

"The voters were well aware of Japan's economic problems and did not think Nakasone's policies are absolutely perfect but they saw his methods as better than those proposed by others," one economist said.

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House of Representatives	
Liberal Democratic Party	304
Japan Socialist Party	65
Komeito (Clean Government Party)	56
Democratic Socialist Party	26
Japan Communist Party	26
New Liberal Club	6
United Social Democratic Party	4
Independents	9
Total	512

House of Councillors (Half the seats, 126 plus 50 proportional representation seats contested. Proportional representation seats are the second figure)

Liberal Democratic Party	72/22
Japan Socialist Party	20/9
Komeito	10/7
Democratic Socialist Party	5/3
Japan Communist Party	9/5
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Silence on Moscow meeting

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev and President Mitterrand agreed yesterday to maintain public secrecy about the substance of their second lengthy session of private talks in the Kremlin, which included a review of the obstacles to Moscow and Washington agreeing a date for the summit later this year.

The decision of both leaders to order their spokesmen to maintain silence on the details of the nearly three hours of discussions was seen in Western diplomatic circles as a hopeful sign that a way can now be found to reconcile the Soviet and American approaches to a second summit.

Last week, the French leader was asked in New York by President Reagan to explain his thinking on the vital summit question to Mr Gorbachev, with whom M Mitterrand has built up a close personal rapport, which French sources say has been further cemented at their two meetings this week. A third will take place today.

In order to maintain the momentum of yesterday's talks, Mr Gorbachev was

reported by the official French spokeswoman to have at one stage refused a French suggestion that the two foreign ministers be brought into the discussions because this would have hindered the dialogue.

The atmosphere had been marked "by an extraordinary directness and comprehension", she added.

Despite the deliberate wall of secrecy surrounding the details of any possible movement on the summit deadlock, Western diplomatic sources said last night that it was unlikely that a final date could be clinched until Washington had responded formally to Mr Gorbachev's recent arms proposals.

But the sources added that the informal American response had already been promising, and there were now indications that the Kremlin would be able to see the way to an agreement in principle on some area of arms control which it has demanded as a quid pro quo for an agreed date. Late November or early December are

now seen as the two most likely dates.

Briefing correspondents, Mr Gorbachev's new spokesman, a former Moscow journalist, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, refused to indicate how the Kremlin discussions on the summit had progressed. But he again indicated that the Soviet Union was ready to hold one provided that it did not become "a smokescreen" for continuing the arms race.

The Kremlin's latest arms plan, on which the future of the summit now seems to hinge, proposes allowing some research on "Star wars" for the first time, and also outlines a range of weapons cuts in return for a guaranteed 15-year period in which both sides would adhere to the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty without the six-month cut out clause at present allowed.

Although the Mitterrand visit has lacked the intense world interest provoked by Mr Gorbachev's trip to France last October — his first to the West as leader — it has already done much to improve further the already close ties between Moscow and Paris.

Air France hit by strike over charter airlines

Paris (Reuters) — Air France plans to maintain some long-distance flights today despite a 24-hour strike by ground and flight staff, a spokesman for the French state airline said yesterday.

Flights to North America, Latin America, Asia and certain overseas territories are planned, with some modification to schedules.

The stoppage is in protest at a Government decision to open routes to French colonies in the Caribbean and Indian Ocean to competition from charter airlines.

BUENOS AIRES: Argentina's national airline will call in Air Force pilots to replace 561 civilian pilots sacked over a strike on Saturday (AFP reports).

Spain seeks help in fire prevention

From Richard Wigg

Madrid

The Spanish Agriculture Minister, Señor Carlos Romero, has written to Mr Michael Jopling, his British counterpart and current chairman of the European Community's agriculture ministers, urging the Community to help its Mediterranean member countries to fight the annual summer destruction of their forests.

Señor Carlos Romero's appeal was made as it was reported that fires in the forests and woods of Catalonia, in north-eastern Spain, have, over the past five days, destroyed almost as much as on average occurs in one year.

Firemen have had to tackle an estimated 100 forest fires which started at the weekend in Catalonia, Madrid, Valencia and Cordoba.

Firemen near Tarragona were still fighting a fire yesterday that started 48 hours earlier. In Catalonia, more than 300 people had to be evacuated from farms and weekend homes, with the army stepping in to help as the fires advanced too rapidly for the firemen to deal with alone.

The outbreaks were blamed on a combination of the sudden onslaught of the July heatwaves, gusty winds and negligence.

Baghdad says attack foiled

Baghdad (Reuters) — Iraq said yesterday its forces had crushed a new Iranian attack in the Mehran area of the Gulf War front, killing thousands of Iranian soldiers.

The official news agency quoted a military spokesman as saying a number of Iranian officers were killed, including a high-ranking commander. He said the attack was

Greek minority rights ensured in Albania

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek Foreign Ministry announced yesterday that Albania was willing to take concrete action to ensure the well-being and rights of its ethnic Greek minority.

Assurances to this effect were said to have been obtained by Mr Costas Gheorghiu-Bucur, Secretary-General of the Greek Foreign Ministry.

The move, if confirmed by Albania, marks a significant departure from its past policy. It is clearly a gesture in return for a declaration by Greece that it plans to end the theoretical state of war exist-

ing between the two countries since 1941.

Greece and Albania resumed diplomatic relations in 1971, but the Greeks have been concerned over the fate of their ethnic minority which the Albanians estimate at 50,000, but the Greek Foreign Ministry says is 200,000.

The Greek announcement said the Albanians agreed to include plans for the establishment of a ferry-boat link between the island of Corfu and the Albanian port of Saranda in a tourist co-operation agreement to be signed.

Disaster evacuees returning to Kiev

Moscow (Reuters) — Some of the thousands of people evacuated from the Kiev region after the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster are returning home, the Ukrainian Communist Party newspaper *Pravda Ukraina* reported.

The paper said more evacuees would return as decontamination work gathered pace.

About 92,000 people were moved out of a 18-mile area after the reactor at Chernobyl, 80 miles south of Kiev, caught fire in April.

The paper said Ukrainian agricultural authorities planned to build 7,000 farm-houses for evacuees.

Trial ordered on shootings

Albany, New York (AP) — Bernhard Goetz was yesterday ordered to stand trial on charges of attempted murder and assault in the 1984 shootings of four youths on a Manhattan subway when the Court of Appeals reinstated charges thrown out by lower courts.

Goetz has admitted shooting the youths in December 1984, after one of them approached him for \$5. He said he feared he was going to be mugged, and later surrendered to the police. The youths said they were begging for money.

Mission cut

Athens — The Greek Government confirmed yesterday that the Libyan diplomatic mission in Athens was being reduced by 15 to 20, but left in doubt who had taken the decision.

Soldiers flee

Munich (AP) — Two Czechoslovak soldiers wearing track suits fled over the fortified border to West Germany after a sports meeting in the frontier region.

Boy sacrificed

Delhi (AP) — A 35-year-old man chopped off the head of his only son, aged eight, with an axe in a city park in the belief that the sacrifice would bring peace and happiness to the world. He was charged with murder.

Sikhs return

Delhi — More than 2,000 Sikhs trained in Pakistan in "subversive activities" have returned to India in the last two months and have either surrendered or been detained, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Punjab Chief Minister, claimed yesterday.

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Tutu to meet Botha as disillusionment sets in over outside action

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Bishop Desmond Tutu is to meet the South African President, Mr P W Botha, in Pretoria on July 21 to discuss the State of Emergency.

"We will talk about the troubles of this country and how to get out of them. When things are as bad as they are, we have to discuss everything, and we all have to pray," Bishop Tutu said.

His decision to talk to the Government appears to reflect growing disillusionment with the ability of the outside world to bring about change, as well as concern about the escalating violence. He has condemned the recent bombings as "acts of terrorism".

An estimated 11,500 blacks working in South Africa's gold, coal and diamond mines were involved yesterday in stoppages and go-slows to protest against the detention without trial of trade union officials under emergency regulations.

Industrial relations have been further bedevilled by the Government's announcement late on Monday night of a ban on all indoor meetings by a large number of anti-apartheid bodies in the Johannesburg area, among them the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), the Metal and

Allied Workers' Union (MAWU), and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), the country's largest labour federation.

A boycott of rent payments by thousands of tenants in Soweto appears to be approaching a crisis. Hundreds have received notices telling them to pay their rents by July 15 or face eviction, and some residents are said to have had their water and electricity cut off.

The Rand Supreme Court has ordered the release from detention of a black soundrecorderist working for Worldwide Television News, which is owned by the American ABC network and Britain's ITN. The judge ruled that the detention was unlawful.

The ruling is of interest because it indicates that such detentions are not, as previously thought, wholly beyond challenge in the courts. The judge found that, although a policeman could arrest anyone who "in his opinion" was a threat to security, he had to be able to show that his opinion was well founded.

In the Durban Supreme Court, the Metal and Allied Workers' Union yesterday applied for the State of Emergen-

cy and the regulations enforced under it to be declared null and void, on the grounds that the regulations had not been laid before Parliament within 14 days of their promulgation. The hearing of the application will take place before a full bench next Monday.

In Pretoria, the Bureau for Information yesterday said a municipal policeman shot dead a man in Soweto on Monday night after he was allegedly fired on by a gunman in a crowd of people. This brings to 117 the number of deaths reported by the Bureau in "unrest-related incidents" since June 12.

In Natal, 31 Zulu tribesmen were reported to have been killed in a clash between rival factions in hilly and inaccessible terrain just north of an area known as the Valley of A Thousand Hills.

In a sign of South Africa's tightened economic circumstances, whites have been reduced to doing manual labour for the first time since the depression of the 1930s.

Of 2,500 men and women employed by the Johannesburg City Council under a state relief scheme which pays five rands (£1.33) for a five-hour day, 200 are whites.



A 69-year-old grandmother, Ooi Ah Tee, under sentence of death in Penang for trafficking in opium. She is the oldest person to receive the death penalty in Malaysia for drug offences.

Grain arrives for Sudan's starving

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

The first 33 tons of grain were airlifted yesterday from Entebbe to Juba, in southern Sudan, in an effort to alleviate famine caused by the widespread guerrilla war there.

The World Food Programme, a United Nations

body, plans to airlift 350 tons of food to Juba over the next few days. It has been unable to move relief supplies by road because of unsettled conditions on the Uganda-Sudan border.

Relief agencies in Sudan say millions of civilians are facing starvation because of the

breakdown in communications and the widespread civil war in southern Sudan.

About 40,000 people have recently moved into Juba for safety, but food supplies in the town are critically short, and little food is now reaching Juba from the surrounding areas.

US looks again at its aid to Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath, Harare

A breach of diplomatic etiquette by the Zimbabwe Government has caused the US State Department to review its funding of aid projects here.

Last Friday Mr Jimmy Carter, the former American President, followed by most of the Western diplomatic corps here, stalked out of a reception when a Zimbabwean junior Cabinet Minister used the occasion to attack US relations with South Africa.

The Zimbabwe Government has not yet been informed, but in Washington on Monday night a spokesman for the US State Department said: "The hostile diplomatic behaviour by Zimbabwean leaders has led to a further review of our aid efforts in that country."

The United States is Zimbabwe's biggest aid donor. Up to October last year, Congress had committed \$343 million (£228 million) compared with Britain's \$220 million.

The funds are used chiefly for projects related to low cost housing, family planning, and small scale agriculture and to pay for imports of items in short supply here.

On Monday, the US Embassy in Harare delivered a protest note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs demanding an apology for the speech.

Australian strikes hit transport industries

Sydney (AFP) — Australia faced massive transport disruptions yesterday as industrial action hit fuel supplies in two states and threatened to ground domestic airlines.

Petrol stations were closing by the hour in Victoria, where the state government introduced rationing last weekend after a strike by storemen and packers at oil refineries.

The dispute spread to New South Wales, with unionists walking out in support of their Victorian counterparts' claims for pension benefits.

In a separate dispute over pension fund arrangements, all domestic flights were to be grounded today during a 24-hour stoppage by pilots.

The pilots want to circumvent the fringe benefits tax, which took effect this month, by having their taxable car allowances converted into non-taxable pension fund payments.

The Government has said it will not allow the pilots to cheat the tax system.

Industry protection calls in the face of a worsening economic situation and balance of payments deficit, the Australian Labor Party yesterday demanded more protection for struggling domestic industries (Tony Duboudin writes).

The Party's federal conference heard a call for quotas on luxury imports and temporary levies on all imports.

Concern at Husain's PLO curb

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

There was a cautious welcome from Israel but concern in the occupied territories about the decision of King Husain of Jordan to close the 25 offices of Fatah — the Palestine Liberation Organization's military wing — in his country.

The concern among Palestinians underlines the growing evidence that the King has lost the loyalty of the large part of the population in the occupied territories since he ended all political cooperation with the PLO last February.

However, Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, welcomed the move, saying it would help an alternative leadership to develop and reduce the risk of terrorist attacks.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, also said it would reduce the PLO's influence in Jordan and so help to improve relations with Israel.

Military analysts here believe that the closures will leave Fatah little option but to try to intensify its operations in Lebanon, where it will add to Syria's problems.

There is a fear that Israeli targets overseas will be at greater risk because of the near impossibility of any operations in Israel or the occupied territories without a base in a bordering country.

The reaction from the Palestinian press has been angry and worried. *Al Quds*, which not long ago firmly supported Jordan, said: "This is one more step down the painful road to a Jordanian-PLO split. The King should reconsider it before it is too late."

Mr Ibrahim Karia, who runs the Palestine Press Service, commented: "He wants to force people to be loyal, but their loyalty cannot be bought either by pressure or by money. He will not succeed in this."

Al Fajr, which broadly supports the PLO, called for the resignation of the Jordanian Cabinet.

EEC cuts £40m from aid funds

From Jonathan Brande, Strasbourg

EEC budget ministers have agreed to boost spending on agriculture and cut funds for development aid to the Third World.

In a £22.1 billion draft budget presented to the European Parliament yesterday by Mr Peter Brooke, Minister of State at the Treasury, the ministers have sailed to within £48 million of the cash limit imposed by Mrs Margaret Thatcher and other EEC leaders at their 1984 summit.

In negotiations into the early hours yesterday, the ministers succumbed to French and West German pressure to increase the farm budget by nearly £700 million from the earlier version of the 1986 budget declared illegal by the European Court of Justice last week.

They cut some £40 million from the development and co-operation fund to help the Third World. Cuts were also made in payments to industry, research, the environment and employment measures.

The only positive measure was a £675 million increase in the Community's regional and social funds, for boosting employment and investment in decaying industrial areas.

The Parliament still has the option to block the ministers' budget, however, if £60 million reserved for use by the Strasbourg assembly is not allocated to members' satisfaction. A compromise must be reached before a vote in Parliament tomorrow to avoid a big financial crisis which would leave the EEC operating without a budget until October.

But Euro-MPs could reject the budget — and plunge Europe into crisis — by accident. At least half the assembly must vote in favour of the ministers' draft if it is to pass into law. Absenteeism, as members rush to the airport to take Thursday flights out of Strasbourg, could also leave the Community without its budget.

Strict Islamic law may soon rule Pakistan

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

The Pakistani Senate yesterday passed an amendment to the Constitution making Quraan and Sunnah — practices of the prophet Muhammad — the supreme law and source of guidance for legislation by Parliament and provincial assemblies.

The Shariat Bill, passed in the face of opposition from a big section of Pakistan's Shia Muslim minority, must now be passed by the National Assembly to become law.

Fundamentalist senators, who pressed hard for its adoption, are none the less dissatisfied with it because it does not bring all state institutions and Muslim personal law within the ambit of Islamic and Quranic injunctions.

They insist that the Government adopt a stricter Shariat Bill that they have tabled and which has been opposed not only by Shias but also by many Sunni Muslims and by liberal urban women's groups.

The Bill adopted by the Senate yesterday obliges Parliament and the provincial assemblies to bring current laws into line with Islamic injunctions as directed by the Shariat court.

Its hasty Senate passage apparently reflects the Government's anxiety to pre-empt the fundamentalists' move for more stringent Islamic laws, including those opposed to the existing rights of Muslim women, such as the right to seek divorce.

Thai torture alleged

Amnesty International said yesterday Thai troops tortured three Kampuchean refugees with a hot iron and burning wood and subjected two of them to mock executions (Renter reports).

The London-based human rights organization said one of its representatives met the men in a prison in June and found severe scarring and

and genitals. "Investigation has established beyond doubt that the three were tortured with a hot flat-iron and burning firewood after being arrested by the Thai military," Amnesty said.

Amnesty urged the Thai Government to give the three immediate hospital treatment and a transfer to a safe place from where they could seek as-



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Waldheim sworn in as president before a sceptical Parliament

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

A serious and, to some, notably less buoyant Dr Kurt Waldheim reached the apogee of his political career yesterday when he was formally sworn in as the President of Austria.

Speaking in the so-called former Reichsrat chamber of the Austrian Parliament, opulently flanked by Greek corinthian marble columns and beneath a vast iron eagle, the new President delivered his first official speech.

In front, sitting with their backs to him in a single line like prisoners in the dock, were the members of the Socialist-Freedom Party coalition Government of Dr Franz Vranitski, who exchanged sceptical glances when Dr Waldheim referred to the need for them to be a "government which can govern".

Though officially above the cut and thrust of Austrian party politics, Dr Waldheim has made it clear that he expects the President to play a more active role in the country's affairs.

Yesterday Dr Fred Sinowatz, the Chancellor who resigned after Dr Waldheim's electoral win, sat facing him in the front row of MPs glowering with a look of high dudgeon throughout the proceedings.

Behind him, tanned from a long holiday beneath an equatorial sky, sat Dr Kurt Steyer, Dr Waldheim's rival in the presidential elections.

In the course of his lengthy speech, Dr Waldheim thanked Dr Steyer for his "personal fairness" during the campaign.

As MPs woke to the remark they turned to catch a glimpse of Dr Steyer, the defeated

Inner rumblings

In central Vienna a large crowd demonstrating against Dr Waldheim was addressed by loudspeaker from the belly of a 12ft-tall wooden horse named "A Horse Trusted By The World" — an ironic reference to Dr Waldheim's early campaign slogan of "An Austrian Trusted By The World" (Reuter reports).

Socialist candidate, who returned their glances with a stare which could be most charitably interpreted as curiosity.

Dr Waldheim's references to the "Austrian patriots who disappeared never to be seen again" when the Nazis marched into Austria in 1938, also provoked raised eyebrows among the Socialist politicians. Many of them shook

their heads in obvious disbelief when he went on to refer to the tragedy which befell Austrian Jews under the Third Reich.

Diplomats whispered and Dr Waldheim's supporters exchanged knowing nods during the silence that followed his statement that "the liquidation of these people cannot be forgotten".

Only a team of American television journalists, dressed incongruously in dark blue suits, remained impassive, chewing gum.

Dr Waldheim's speech ended on a predictable note of patriotism, the factor which had contributed so much to his success. Austria, he said, found itself in a tricky but nonetheless favourable situation rich in opportunity.

"This fine people of seven million, who have never caused any disturbance in the world, can walk into the future in the spirit of general solidarity and brotherhood," the President said, rounding off his speech to tumultuous cheers from conservative MPs who had backed him throughout.

Outside, however, there were many less enthusiastic. The police told demonstrators to put away their banners saying: "We do not want a war criminal for our President".



Dr Waldheim addresses the Austrian Parliament as demonstrators outside hold up posters showing him in Nazi uniform.

Rebels kill in revenge

Lima (Reuter) — Maoist guerrillas have assassinated a provincial leader of Peru's ruling party in their campaign of revenge for rebels killed in last month's prison uprisings.

Police said a five-member gang of Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas shot Mr Elias Coassaca yesterday at his home in Puno, in southern Peru.

Mr Coassaca was former state secretary-general of the

ruling Social Democratic American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA).

Sendero has vowed to kill 10 members of APRA for each prisoner killed when the armed forces crushed three prison riots in Lima last month. At least 156 accused rebels died.

In Lima, the Government's peace commission has resigned because it opposed the way the riots were handled.

Papal truce at an end

Bogota — Colombia's week-long respite from civil violence during the Pope's "pilgrimage for peace" was rudely shattered as soon as he left the country (Geoffrey Matthews reports).

In the Arauca department bordering Venezuela, members of the April 19 Movement (M-19) ambushed an army patrol, killing a corporal. Unidentified guerrillas also clashed with security forces in the Antioquia and Meta de-

partments. M-19 said it was responsible for a mysterious black-out in the Caribbean city of Cartagena when the Pope was addressing a large crowd there on Sunday. The black-out affected most of the city and lasted several minutes.

● St Lucia: The Pope was greeted with typical Caribbean exuberance on a seven-hour visit yesterday to St Lucia at the end of his tour of Colombia (Reuter reports).

Robot will investigate wreck of the Titanic

Woods Hole, Massachusetts (AP) — Nearly 200 scientists and seamen are preparing US Navy ships for a return to the wreck of the Titanic, the grave of 1,513 people who went down with the ocean liner 74 years ago.

The expedition leaves today for the spot — about 360 nautical miles off Newfoundland — where a team of US and French researchers found the wreck last September.

The purpose of the trip is to test a prototype of the Jason Jr, a small robot being developed by a private institution for the US Navy.

The Jason Jr, controlled by the three-man submarine Alvin, will be "floated" close to the Titanic to test its camera and manoeuvrability.

The Alvin will make daily trips to the wreck for two weeks and may send the Jason Jr inside the Titanic, Woods Hole spokeswoman Ms Anne Rabushka said.

The only person repeating the journey to the Titanic is Mr Robert Ballard, the chief scientist who led the first expedition. Veterans of last year's trip are being left behind to give other people a chance to see the film.

The Titanic, claimed to be unsinkable, rammed an iceberg and went down April 14, 1912, during its maiden voyage. There were 705 survivors, mostly women and children.

Indonesia's economy

Suharto's policies under scrutiny

From Our Correspondent, Jakarta

With a frankness unprecedented in recent years, Indonesians both inside and outside the Government are questioning the basic structure of their oil-dependent and highly protected economy.

The reason is obvious. Despite three years of cutting, trimming and saving, the country is faced with its first year of negative growth since the 1960s and world market prices for commodities show no sign of an upward trend.

The questioning and criticism come at a critical time for the Government of President Suharto, with presidential elections due in April 1987 and the ruling Golkar Party's main platform being one of "development".

At the centre of the debate is "high cost economy", a phrase that exporters have learned means simply that Indonesian manufactured goods are usually uncompetitive on world markets.

Behind the high costs are, as Jakarta's economic newspapers are saying with increasing boldness, inefficient and venal bureaucrats, inefficient government-run monopolies, high energy costs, high interest rates, graft and more fundamentally a philosophy of producing primarily for the domestic market or import substitution.

That the Government has already moved — last year in replacing the notoriously corrupt customs service with a Swiss company, Société Générale de Surveillance — has given the critics hope that more moves will be made, and in what they think is the right direction.

This belief is bolstered by the issue of the so-called "May 6 package" designed to support manufactured exports and boost foreign and domestic private investment.

International bankers, most notably the World Bank, are bullish on the prospects of the May 6 package eventually opening the way to further reforms.

However, the pitfalls are substantial. For years the Government has depended on oil and gas for 70 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings, with the bulk of other export income coming from traditional commodity exports such as rubber, tin and palm oil. This year the plunge in the

oil price will cut \$3.9 billion from export earnings, and commodity prices will continue their downward spiral to real levels lower than those of the great 1930s depression.

Private businessmen, traditionally protected from expensive imports, are facing slumping domestic consumer demand, and as they are to and often unable to compete for outside markets and reluctant to invest.

On the foreign investors' side, the bulk of the major oil companies operating in Indonesia have, like those in the North Sea, cut development plans by an average of 30 percent, and trimmed their expatriate staff in measures that have already sent the prices of luxury housing in Jakarta plummeting.

Prospects for agribusiness and other manufacturing sectors however look brighter, with the proviso that the elements of the May 6 package are realized, prospective investors say.

Tricky political questions also lie in opening the economy further, with nationalists worried that more efficient foreign companies using the new benefits will put them out of business, and any moves at monopolies fraught for the Government with political dangers.

There are fears that if the economy slumps further, unemployment, especially among the semi-educated and semi-skilled urban populations, will lead to social unrest.

The World Bank, for one, appears to think that the Suharto Government can make it through the next 12 months with a slow-down but without major economic disruptions.



President Suharto: Facing up to problems.

Costa Rican fears of Contras war

From Martha Honey San José

Costa Rican officials are deeply concerned that US congressional approval of \$100 million in aid to the Nicaraguan Contras will endanger Costa Rica's position of unarmed neutrality.

President Arias and several ministers have voiced fears that fighting will intensify along the 200-mile border with Nicaragua, increasing the flow of refugees and Contras into Costa Rica.

"We are Nicaragua's neighbour, and we cannot change our geographic location," President Arias said last week.

The reaction displays Costa Rica's predicament of being ideologically committed to neutrality.

Costa Rica has no army and is protected by a lightly

Ershad forms security force above the law

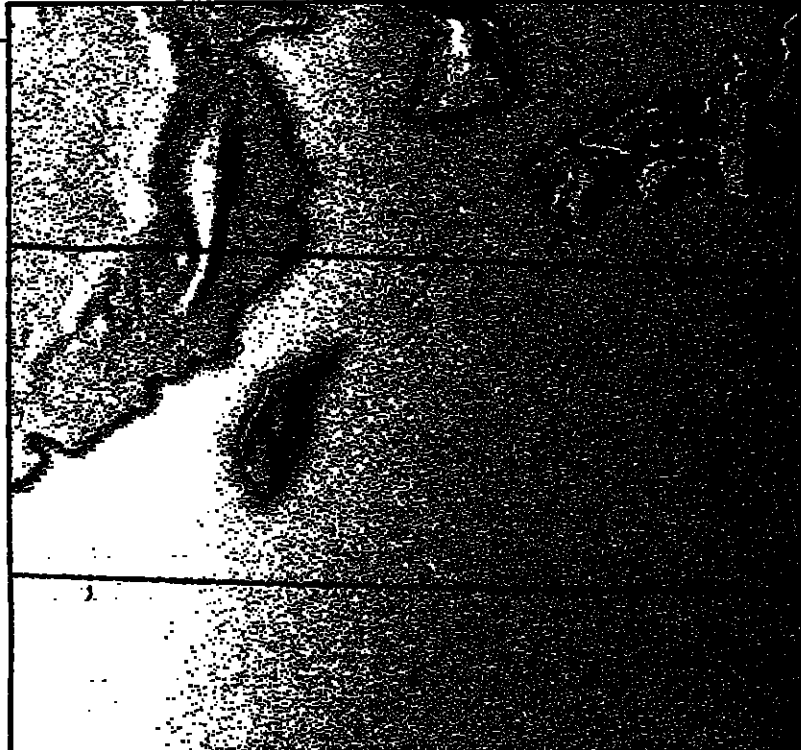
From Ahmed Fazl Dhaka

President Ershad of Bangladesh is to form a presidential security force under his command with powers to detain and interrogate suspects, Interior Ministry officials said yesterday.

The force will be headed by a general with powers equal to the Army Chief of Staff. The announcement came amid rising opposition to General Ershad's plan to retain martial law, imposed four years ago, until the presidential election before the end of the year.

The opposition parties, including the Awami League, have severely criticized the Government for continuing martial law.

The new security force will supersede the country's intelligence organizations, and

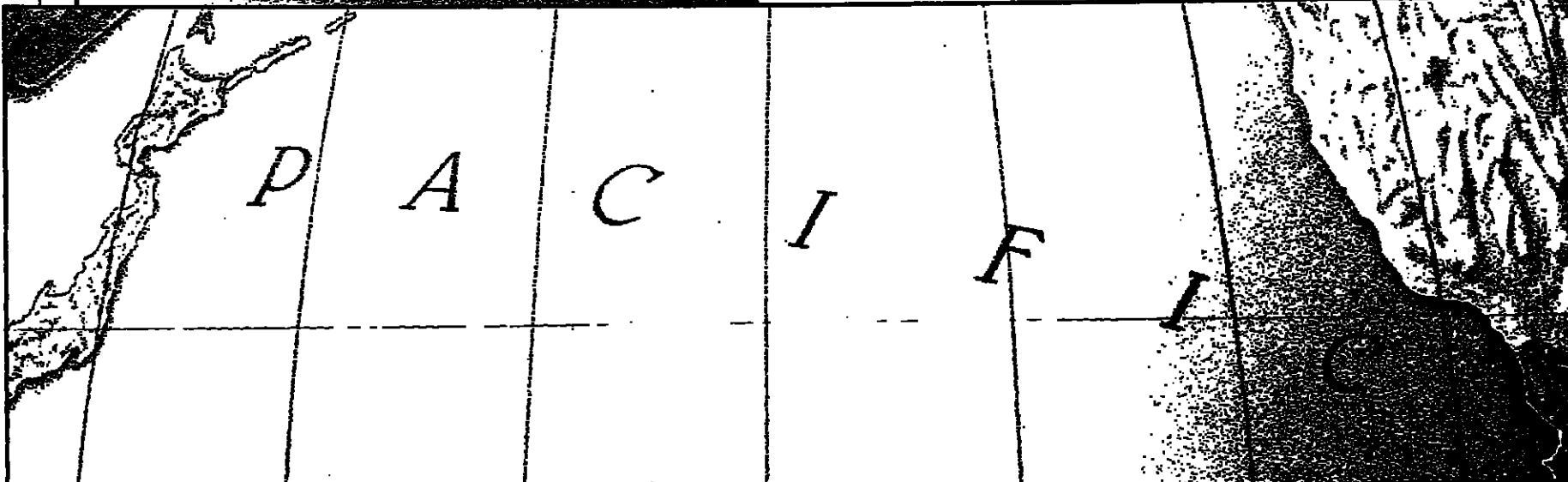


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Skimming off the top cream

Concluding a series on graduate recruitment, Fiona Maddocks shows how employer selection methods can mean rich pickings for both the parties

Each year, nearly 300 major firms employing graduates descend upon Oxford and Cambridge, armed with fact sheets and videos, to cream off talent in the spring "milk round". A smaller number target themselves elsewhere, mainly at "blue chip" or technically biased universities and polytechnics.

Between October and Easter, glossy brochures bursting with photographs of young executives windsurfing litter hotel lounges and college rooms. Would-be young executives, in turn, dust down suits and put aside essays to present themselves for interview. For both students and employer, the operation is a simple test of the market.

But as the need for graduates increases — especially in business and industry — and student numbers fall, many employers admit to finding

the milk round an unwieldy, time consuming and expensive method of recruiting. Alternative methods are being considered by many firms. Biodata, for example, a computer-based questionnaire, is being introduced by some companies.

The nationalized industries and British Telecom try to catch talent early by offering sponsorships through university with no obligation to take a job after finals. Many sponsored students do remain, however, attracted by favourable starting salaries.

Key Coombes, a senior systems engineer at Marconi who chased the milk round herself in the early 1970s and now recruits regularly, has observed a marked change in students' attitudes to jobs. "They know what their ambitions are and strive hard to realize them. They pursue their leisure activities with an eye to their C.V. In my day, we did things for fun," she adds, however, that as an employer she is fighting hard to attract good technically qualified people. "They just don't exist. Or they're going into accountancy."

Unquestionably, the City has become the new goal for Britain's most promising and ambitious graduates — the "hot cats" in recruiters' parlance. Specifically, the American investment banks and strategic management consultancy firms are acknowledged to hook the best — many of whom might once have entered the Civil Service's fast stream system.



Alice Christie: "I chose this company because I wanted to work in a small team, with early responsibility"

The reasons are not hard to discern. In addition to extravagant salaries and bonuses, the perks are hefty: flexible training, quick promotion and a high degree of intellectual challenge. All such factors rate a top place on most students' list of requirements. "We know what we want", a recruiter at Merrill Lynch says. "Highly competitive types who can survive the cut and thrust". But as these esteemed organizations rush around the country laying tempting bait, a few others, namely those connected with advertising and the media, still wait to be courted.

"What milk round?" they are liable to ask, knowing they have no need of glossy brochures or "golden hellos". For most of their applicants, a broom to sweep the floor is quite a luxury. That still remains the oldest and cheapest recruiting technique of all.

ALICE CHRISTIE

Age: 24
Education: St Mary's Convent, Cambridge and Falmouth Comprehensive; Clare College, Cambridge (Natural Sciences)
Job: joined Tate and Lyle as management trainee in 1984.
Salary: £9,000 p.a.
Tate and Lyle: one of the world's largest sugar manufacturers, employing about 13,000 people worldwide. Graduate recruitment: 10-12 p.a. Since this year, selection by Biodata rather than milk round. Training: mainly in-house.

Alice Christie travels daily from her home in Fulham to an open-plan office in Maidenhead, Berkshire, the first woman on Tate and Lyle's commercial management scheme. Her two-day selection process at the

company's Cadogan Square town house, she says, was a relaxed affair. "Management games, slap-up meals and meeting trainees already on the job." She now performs this task herself.

"I chose this company because I wanted to work in a small team, with early responsibility." So far, her wide range of experience has included food research, computing, market research and project analysis. "I might have to think about artificial sweeteners one day, and where to store a cargo of oil the next."

She expects to work her way up the managerial ladder within Tate and Lyle for the foreseeable future. The highlight of her training to date is an Outward Bound course in the Lake District, designed to encourage team skills.

"My main aim is simply to have a job I like going to on Monday mornings. But I'll certainly expect to go where the opportunities are."

A radical call to the bar

Today lawyers get their say on legal aid reform. Frances Gibb presents a brief

The team of government officials who laid bare the waste in the £400 million-a-year legal aid system wants to revamp the scheme to provide a more efficient and cost-effective service for the people who use it.

After the four-man team's publication last week of the first full-scale scrutiny of legal aid came its proposals to shift the provision of a lot of legal advice from lawyers to advice bureaux and to strip the legal profession of some of its costly restrictive practices. They have, not surprisingly, drawn a mixed response.

The team's plans for reform are based on facts that, until now, have had little airing. Publicly-funded legal advice, the part of legal aid known as the "green form" scheme, now costs £100 million a year. Its scope has become so wide that lawyers were found to be using it for the most marginal of cases.

One intended to draw on the scheme for routine checks of welfare benefits while another routinely offered to draw writs under the scheme for clients who had come to him on other matters.

It was in the courts, however, that the team found most waste. Cases can run for several years with no control on costs or review of the continued validity of cases. Then there is the fact that more time is spent in waiting than in court hearings and that accounts for almost one-fifth of solicitors' bills — a total of £60 million in magistrates' courts and £127 million in other courts in 1984-85.

Too many minor cases are also going to the crown court. The investigating team found a theft case involving £25 which did not lead to a prison sentence but which cost £420 in legal aid. At least £115 would have been saved if the case had been tried by magistrates.

Repeated adjournments of cases also have their price. The team found cases that should not have started because they could go no further — for example, where a key defence witness was ill with hepatitis. The cost in legal aid to counsel and solicitor was £56.

Another expensive item is the last-minute change of plea, from not guilty to guilty, which is often used as a delaying tactic. In just six of these cases the legal aid costs were well over £1,000.

The team then looked at lawyers' practices. According to their clerks, solicitors claimed often that several

defendants, charged together, needed separate lawyers because of a conflict of interest. But often no such conflict emerged when the cases were heard. A high and increasing proportion of cases in the magistrates' courts involve the expensive use of separate lawyers, now costing between £500,000 and £1 million more than five years ago.

The team criticized the use of two lawyers where, in its view, one would do. Extra costs should not be incurred through restrictions on rights of audience "which go beyond what is necessary to provide a proper service to clients," it said. Striking at the bar's monopoly in the crown court, where barristers have sole rights to appear, the team said that extending solicitors' rights of audience, at least to cases carrying a plea of guilty, could save £1 million a year. And in cases where counsel appears, there should be "no need" for a solicitor to attend. The same applies to the county courts, where £2 million could be saved.

Leading counsel are used too often in big civil cases, the team said — in six of the cases looked at, the average fee to the leading counsel was £5,300 plus £2,810 for the junior. The use of one barrister would have saved most of the leaders' fees, totalling £32,000 — and fees go on mounting if the case goes to the Court of Appeal or the Lords.

The streamlining suggested could save £25m

In its efforts to introduce a wide range of reforms to curb abuses and inefficiency, the team wants cases running up bills of £8,000 or more to be reviewed; lawyers to pay out of their own pockets for causing unnecessary adjournments; monthly instead of weekly remand hearings and the streamlining of lawyers' practices — all of which could save £25 million.

But in pursuit of value for money, the team goes further than a straight cost-cutting exercise. Its most controversial suggestion is that legal advice could be provided more effectively and cheaply by agencies rather than lawyers, who would keep criminal and family work.

Legal aid would no longer be available for items like wills or conveyancing.

It is estimated that the reforms, if carried through, would lop less than 10 per cent from the escalating legal aid bill, but the cost-cutting is prompting renewed debate about alternative sources for the funding of litigation — such as the contingency fee where the lawyer is paid only if he wins — and legal expenses insurance.

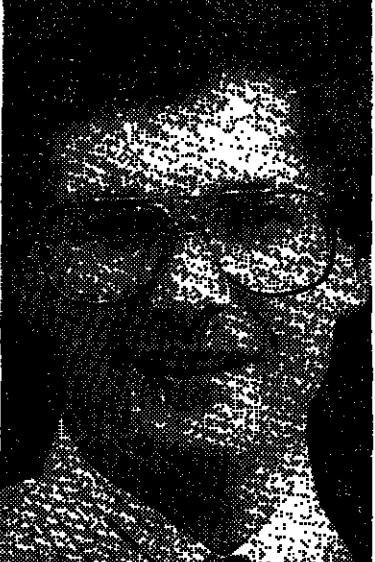
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Age: 22
Education: Woking Grammar School and 6th Form College, Giron College (Natural Sciences)
Job: joined British Telecom as district customer telephoner (Westminster) in 1985.
Salary: £11,700
British Telecom: telecommunications. Employs 234,000 people. Graduate recruitment: more than 300, initially through milk round. Training: On-the-job and in-house training.

Philip Jackson's office is a small, yellow box in Lambeth, enlivened only by a majestic telephone and his own boldly striped tie. "Not luxury, but who needs it?" he asks cheerfully. Having been sponsored through Cambridge by British Telecom, he was assured of a job after graduating, but nevertheless went through the milk round to make certain of his choice.

"I went on vacation courses with firms like ICI. But I didn't want to do three years as a trainee. I preferred to get on and run my own show." He is now in charge of running BT's Westminster region telephoner office, with a staff of 100, many of whom are twice his age.

"BT is in the midst of change, with too many old managers who can't



Philip Jackson: "Raring to get in"

implement these changes. I could see what needed doing and was raring to get in and do it," he says.

Some of his friends hold the view that a job in an investment bank, or even the Civil Service, might have been more socially acceptable. But Philip, who has a new flat at the Oval, expects to stay with BT. "Most managers are taken from inside the organization, so it would be a big decision to leave."

JONATHAN BOND

Age: 22
Education: Eton, New College, Oxford (Law)
Job: joined Bain & Co as associate consultant in 1985.
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Mallard's record run was made 48 years ago this month and it retired in 1963. In recent years it has starred in the National Railway Museum's display at York. The museum has always kept engines available for special steam runs but last summer the Spa Express made a heavy loss and British Rail wanted to axe the service. Instead they are trying one more season. To attract the enthusiasts trains will be hauled in turn by Mallard, the GWR's "City of Truro", the



All stoked up: the record-breaking Mallard steams ahead

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But if you hanker for the old days of steam, you can still ride the Scarborough Spa Express. This summer trips will be made each Sunday from 20 July to 17 August with a special "Mallard" hauled train on Bank Holiday Monday, August 25th. Philip Benham, BR's York Area manager, has a clear message for enthusiasts. "If you want the Spa Express to survive, don't just photograph it, ride on it."

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Doctors out on a limb

As obstetrician Wendy Savage waits for the result of the inquiry into her competence, other consultants have been encouraged to fight their own cases. Clare Dyer reports

Dr Royce Darnell, dismissed from his post as head of the microbiology laboratory at the Royal Derbyshire Infirmary, is one of a small band of suspended or sacked consultants who have decided, in the wake of the Wendy Savage case, to fight a disciplinary process which is under increasing criticism by doctors, lawyers and even the health authorities who use it as unfair, open to abuse, and wasteful of health service funds.

Before the Savage case and its public hearing (the result is expected later this month), consultants faced with allegations of incompetence or misconduct kept everything low key and behind closed doors. Most cases never even got as far as a hearing. Suspended doctors were quickly persuaded to move to another job or to take early retirement. Now, one by one, they are standing their ground and challenging bureaucratic decisions in the courts.

Dr Darnell, aged 56, was suspended in June 1982 after clashes with other consultants and technicians over the management of the laboratory. A seven-week inquiry in 1983 found that he had quarrelled intemperately with his colleagues and a health authority sub-committee recommended his dismissal.

A DHSS appeal committee agreed with the findings but felt that the dismissal was unjustified and directed the Trent Regional Health Authority to offer him another job without managerial responsibility. But when the region said no such job could be found, the Secretary of State for Social Services, Norman Fowler, approved the dismissal. Dr Darnell, whose inquiry and four years of suspension on full pay have

'Suspension of consultants is no longer uncommon'

cost the authority £250,000, is asking the High Court to review the minister's decision. "Suspension and dismissals of consultants have got to the stage where they are no longer uncommon", said Dr Ian McKim Thompson, a deputy secretary of the British Medical Association. "We get between a dozen and a score a year, and we're currently assessing between two and three dozen doctors."

The doctors' defence bodies, which defend them against disciplinary action by their employing authority as well as against claims of negligence brought by patients, admit privately that the procedure, designed to deal with cases of misconduct or incompetence, can be used to "get rid of someone whose face doesn't fit".

Professor Ronald Taylor of



Fighting back: Wendy Savage (left), and Pauline Bousquet, a gynaecologist, whose case has been debated in Parliament

St Thomas's Hospital, London, told the Savage inquiry that the professor of obstetrics at the London, Jurgis Grudzinski, had remarked just after taking up the job that one of his first tasks would be to change his senior lecturer (Savage). In the only case which has so far come under the scrutiny of a court, Mr Tony Bliss, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Medway Hospital in Kent, suspended after refusing to undergo a psychiatric examination, last year won more than £100,000 in damages for breach of his employment contract. The court of appeal ruled that the authority had no right to order him to see a psychiatrist when an informal inquiry by three other doctors had reported that there was no question of illness but a severe breakdown of personal relationships between Mr Bliss and fellow consultants.

The procedure, laid down in DHSS circular HM(61)112, allowed the health authority to suspend a consultant "in cases of a very serious nature". In practice, doctors undergoing disciplinary investigation are almost always suspended, even where there is no conceivable danger to patients. There are no time limits for bringing the case to an inquiry or for the inquiry panel to make its recommendations.

By going to court to ask for reinstatement, Wendy Savage managed to secure a relatively quick result - only 15 months from suspension to the panel's recommendation. Other doctors currently under suspension have been in limbo for three or four years, with no imminent prospect of an inquiry. A psychiatrist whose case is to go to an inquiry next September was suspended in 1981 and at least one other consultant has been suspended for five years on full salary.

Miss Pauline Bousquet, another woman gynaecologist in the same region as Wendy Savage, North East Thames,

who shares Savage's non-interventionist approach to obstetrics, has had her work load gradually reduced since 1980. For the last two years she has been allowed to work only two sessions a week while continuing to draw her full nine-session salary. After a parliamentary debate on her case, the BMA is now actively

'Unsatisfactory personal and working relationships'

negotiating with the health authority on her behalf.

"The procedure is extraordinarily slow and cumbersome", Dr McKim Thompson said. "It's also against natural justice, in as much as the inquiries are made sub rosa."

"In the meantime, the consultant becomes a professional leper because unless he has NHS consultant status he probably won't be able to practise privately."

Doctors facing disciplinary allegations look to their defence bodies, the Medical Defence Union and the Medical Protection Society, for help. But the £336 annual subscription does not entitle a member to automatic assistance.

"I'm against the way the defence bodies operate, supporting cases at their discretion", Dr McKim Thompson said. "But I think they hadn't envisaged the way these big inquiries would eat up the funds." Other critics within the profession are more blunt. They accuse the defence bodies of taking the easy option, trying for a quick settlement but opting out if they find themselves with an expensive fight on their hands.

A spokesman for the MDU, Dr Garth Hill, said: "We would almost always support

a member who felt he wanted to go through with an inquiry rather than take early retirement." Dr John Barker of the MPS said: "Under no circumstances do we adopt the easy option, and it is not dictated by expense. A member is entitled to be heard and properly represented."

But the MDU has refused to help Dr Bridget O'Connell, aged 53, a consultant paediatrician suspended in November 1982, from her job at Ilford Hospital in Essex, to carry on the fight for her job. She was a senior registrar at Great Ormond Street Hospital and set about trying to get something done about what she considered to be poor nursing standards in the children's ward and inadequate care for newborn babies shortly after her arrival at the hospital in 1977.

At the request of the regional medical officer for North East Thames, Dr Paul Walker, she put her complaints in writing. An informal inquiry then took place and two other paediatricians from within the region concluded: "Unsatisfactory personal and working relationships are the most important obstacle to improving the hospital services for children in the district."

In November 1982, Dr Walker asked Dr O'Connell to take special leave and in December he wrote to tell her that he had received a complaint about her ability to relate effectively with her clinical colleagues. In another letter he told her: "I'm afraid there is a strong feeling that it would be impossible for you to re-establish constructive personal relationships with your consultant and nursing colleagues after all you have said and done over the last four years."

The MDU proposed trying to negotiate a transfer to other duties, but no offer was forthcoming from the health authority and she was told that the union would not pay for



When a marathon is just a warm-up

Women are giving men a good run for their money in the strange world of the ultra-runner, where it can take 30 miles to get into your stride, and a fun run is a 24-hour race

There is life beyond the classic marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards. It is a world inhabited by an elite society, a sub-culture who appear to possess normal bodily functions but who transgress accepted physical rules.

This is the domain of the ultra runner, the living world behind the "fiction" of Tom McNab's novel *Flanagan's Run*, which charted the race from the west to the east coast of the United States. Ultra runners warm up with marathons. By 30 miles they are just getting into their stride. It is only when they embark upon 100 kilometres, or even better a 100-mile race, that they feel they are really enjoying a healthy jog. And their idea of fun is the 24-hour race: you start when the gun goes off and finish 24 hours later, running round a looped course, from one town to another, or even round a 400 metre track.

No one bothers to sleep; most of the eating (rice pudding and sandwiches are typical ultra fare) and drinking is done on the run, or at least a brisk walk. The men aim for 140 miles or more, and the women won't be far off that distance. You can't do that if you take an hour off for a catnap.

Eleanor Adams, the queen of ultra running, has her own theory on why women run the men so close: "People say women do well at endurance races because they have more accessible fat reserves in their bodies. But I believe it is because we have greater mental determination. We are just better at keeping going."

This most masochistic of pursuits is something at which British women excel. This weekend was to have seen a confrontation - albeit 500 miles apart - between Mrs Adams, a 38-year-old mother of three, and Hilary Walker, a 32-year-old



Ultra-runners: Eleanor Adams (top) and Hilary Walker

research chemist who is her closest rival. A new world record was in prospect with Mrs Adams running in a 24-hour race in Oslo and Miss Walker scheduled to take part in a similar event at Solihull sports centre, Birmingham.

But an injury in a 100km race two weeks ago means that Miss Walker has had to put off her attack on Mrs Adams's world record of 138 miles. Mrs Adams, who runs for Sutton-in-Ashfield Harriers in Nottingham, holds just about every record, from 100 miles up to six-day events. She covered the 1,000 kilometres from Sydney to Melbourne in seven days 17 hours, and reckons she slept no more than eight hours during the whole time.

"For the first few days you spend most of the time wondering why you are doing it, and by the end of the run

you are falling asleep on your feet," she says. "But it's like Everest - the challenge drives you on."

"All sorts of things go through my mind when I am running. If it is a long race over a few days I think about the children and what they are doing - if they have just come back from school or are just going to bed. It helps me to feel in contact with them." They are looked after by their father or grandmother while she is running.

The rise of Hilary Walker in the ultra lists has been extraordinary. Only four years ago, she had not run at all since her schooldays. She started running at 28, struggling the half-mile from her home in Knightsbridge to the Serpentine in Hyde Park. But within 18 months she had a marathon time of three hours 24 minutes, and after three years took part in her first 24-hour race. She ran the first 12 hours, got cramp in her legs, and walked the rest, but still covered 105 miles.

"I was never in a state of collapse - it was just that my legs seized up," she recalls. "I have seen people hallucinating on 24-hour runs, and I certainly wasn't doing that."

Last month she came fourth in the RAF Cranwell 24-hour race, held on the runways, and she was the first woman by about 20 miles. She ran just over 137 miles, within a whisker of Mrs Adams's record.

"I knew how close I was in that last hour, but my legs wouldn't play with me any more," Miss Walker says ruefully. But the following day she was back at work in Hammersmith Hospital, and within three days she was running again in preparation for a 100km race.

Both she and Mrs Adams, who, curiously, have never met in a race, find that their periods of recovery and training for the next race often blend in a way that would probably horrify conventional exercise physiologists. The ultra calendar is a busy one.

It is also a very friendly sport, which is understandable when its participants may spend 24 hours together running around a 400-metre track. And it's not just the distance covered, they say, but the finish which is the real achievement.

Nicolas Soames

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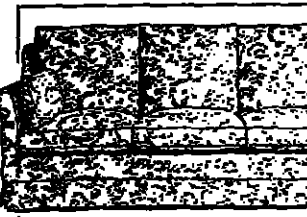
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The practical face of polygamy

From Sarah Sheriff,
Furlong Road, London N7

Penny Perriek may have written her article, "Polygamy Paradise" (Monday Page, June 30), with tongue in cheek, but like so many funny things it contained a real kernel of truth.

In the West, polygamy has been prohibited by human legislators for historical and social reasons, even though divine law, as revealed in the Bible, contains no specific general prohibition of its practice - indeed the Prophets of God are recorded as having been polygamously married.

The divinely revealed religion of Islam is often castigated because it permits polygamy yet, amazingly, many of

TALKBACK

the reasons which induce women in the Muslim world to freely enter into a polygamous marriage are those identified by Penny Perriek. Low sex ratio (due to natural imbalances or some disaster such as war); traditional cultures (especially in Africa); the desire of some women to be married to a wealthy man, albeit polygamously, rather than suffer poverty in a monogamous marriage; the desire to share household workloads (especially in rural communities); the responsibility of child-bearing and rearing; the barren wife's preference for her husband marrying another wife rather than divorcing her or being involved in an adulterous relationship, are all factors which make a small percentage of women in the Muslim world opt voluntarily for a polygamous marriage.

The West's mandatory prohibition of this divinely sanctioned institution has resulted in a number of social ills, some of which Ms Perriek's article highlights. This is not to say that Islam gives men a free hand to take as many wives as they wish.

Polygamy is strictly regulated, and a husband contemplating polygamy (usually because of some major problem with his first wife) must be sure that he can deal with absolute



justice between his wives. Islamic law also allows the first wife to sue for separation.

From Penelope Turing,
Beatty House, Dolphin
Square, London SW1

It is interesting, and perhaps indicative, that in Lee Rodwell's interviews with three women who wish to be priests in the Church of England (Friday Page, June 20), none of them mentions God, nor suggests that they seek, first, the will of God.

From Father Matthew McInerney, St Mary's Catholic Church,
Surrenden Road, Preston
Park, Brighton.

Sally Brompton got it wrong. In her article on the issue of the divorce referendum in Ireland, (The Tie that

Still Binds, Monday Page, June 23) she asserts that the Catholic Church regards children from a "marriage" which was subsequently annulled in the Church's Marriage Tribunal as illegitimate.

She is incorrect in this assertion. Children of a putative marriage, such as that of Kevin and his first wife, are regarded by the Church as legitimate - cf. Canon 1137 "Children who are conceived or born of a valid or of a putative marriage are legitimate" (The Code of Canon Law).

From Mrs Priscilla Goodger, Grenfell Road,
Leicester, LE2 2PA.

How sad to read of the closure of the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich (Libby Parves, "First Person", June 18).

My first baby was born there in 1960 when the hospital was awaiting the go-ahead for a proposed new extension, which never materialized. So popular was it in those days of the "baby boom" that it was well-nigh impossible to book for a subsequent delivery.

It was justly famous and could deal with every eventuality. The rule of the house was that the telephone had to be answered only by medical or nursing staff, so that accurate information was given to enquirers. Indeed, it was not unknown for Matron herself to answer incoming calls!

THE TIMES DIARY

Queen of China

The Palace press secretary, Michael Shea, and the Queen's deputy private secretary, Robert Fellowes, are in China this week preparing the ground for Her Majesty's visit in October. Buck House will not be disclosing exactly where they are until, in addition to Peking, they are preparing for the royal party to visit Shanghai and Canton, staying in pre-revolutionary imperial palaces. The Chinese like to make Western guests feel at home: the Great Hall of the People echoed the *Eton Boating Song* during Sir Alec Douglas-Home's (as was) visit while Foreign Secretary. The only real problem could be the language barrier. When I first caught wind of the proposed trip two years ago, I rang the Chinese Embassy for confirmation that the Queen had been invited. After some hours, an official rang back: "I'm sorry," he said, "but we have no record of a visit by a Mr Green."

Harbour fears

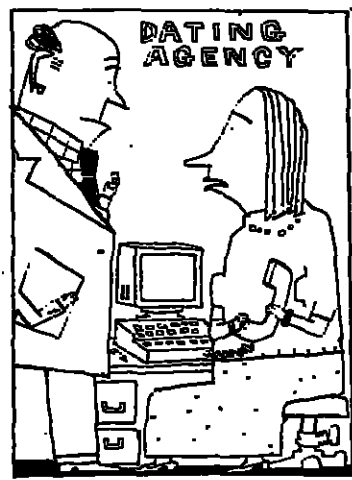
One of the key proposals contained in the International Maritime Bureau's *Intelligence at Sea* report (Diary yesterday), is for improved policing of ports to counter terrorism. I think this will touch a raw nerve at Associated British Ports which, when it was privatized in 1984, stopped using the British Transport Police and brought in a much cheaper private security force. The move was criticized by the IMB director, Eric Ellen, who alleged in a newspaper article that it could lead to higher crime rates. This was denied by the ABP, which started legal proceedings against him. As it turned out, the matter was settled out of court. When asked yesterday for his views on whether there was an increased security risk at ABP ports, Ellen remained tight-lipped. The last time I commented on this, he said, "I got a writ for defamation."

● The Metropolitan Police Force's new computer has been christened *Topsy*. I hope it is no bad omen that a member of the research team which developed it is Inspector Robin Turvey.

All out

British diplomats are bracing themselves this week for what could be a bruising clash with the Commonwealth, well ahead of August's summit on the South African crisis. This Sunday's meeting won't be in the stately conference chamber in Marlborough House, headquarters of the Commonwealth Secretariat, but in Blenheim Park — on a cricket field. A team chosen from Commonwealth High Commissions in London and Commonwealth Secretariat personnel will play a Foreign Office XI for a wooden trophy to be presented by the Duke of Marlborough. With Mrs Thatcher the odd one out among leaders of the 49 member states over sanctions, I fancy a fair amount of needle could creep into the annual fixture.

BARRY FANTONI



Someone called Howe. Wants to know if we have a branch in South Africa.

The breaks

There's no justice. Within weeks of stumping up the money to save the Commonwealth Games, *Mirror* proprietor Robert Maxwell's leg is in plaster. The sports-mad baron broke his ankle alighting from his helicopter in the grounds of his Oxford home, Headington Hall. "He's still undertaking his normal duties," said a spokesman.

● The magistrates who could not believe that a defendant had changed his name to Nauti Raskal might like to know that the Torquay bench has fined a man £200 for swearing at the police. His name was Nicholas Forletta.

Wide-Ranging

I was on the merry-go-round astride the horse behind the Duchess of Kent's at the Berkeley Square Ball the other night — from which dizzy vantage-point I got a good view of the proceedings — and it struck me, without chagrin, that the whole was a good deal less Sloane than in previous years. I later put this to an archetypal chinless wonder. He did not demur. He did, however, add (and here I paraphrase) that there are Sloanes and Sloanes, many of whom were, perforce, absent. There was, he opined, the Scots variety, who would best be called Scone Rangers; the Cumbrians, the Dry Stone Rangers; and the modish Australian branch, the Surine Rangers. Any advance?

Jobs: it is no use tinkering

by Michael Beenstock

David Owen has declared himself in favour of tax-based incomes policy and the Chancellor has come out in favour of profit-sharing. Despite the extensive differences between these schemes they have similar objectives — to moderate the behaviour of real wages and to promote employment. My purpose is to appraise these schemes and to argue that they are no more than faint-hearted tinkering with a deep social malaise.

There is growing recognition that rapid real wage growth destroys jobs. A few years ago this theory was not taken seriously, but a series of projects funded by the Economic and Social Research Council have concluded that among other things a real wage increase will either destroy jobs or reduce the growth of employment.

The Conservatives were the first to absorb the theory into their thinking and more recently the Social Democratic Party has accepted the argument. The Labour Party's position is less clear.

How might real wages be moderated? A well-functioning labour market would do this automatically. If there is an excess supply of labour, market forces should bring about more mod-

erate wages just as an excess supply of oil tends to moderate the price of oil.

This assumes of course that the laws of supply and demand operate and that the unemployed have the power to compete in the labour market to regain their jobs. But it is clear that the laws of supply and demand do not freely operate here. If they did, unemployment would not be so high and real wage growth so immoderate when so many people are looking for work.

The tax-based incomes policy (TBIP) was pioneered by Professor Layard of the London School of Economics; profit-sharing by Professor Weitzman of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

TBIP taxes employers who concede relatively high wage awards and transfers the proceeds to those who make relatively moderate awards. This should encourage wage moderation.

The trouble with TBIP is that if a business genuinely has to pay higher wages to expand its labour force it will be penalized. The opposite applies to a contracting business. There is a danger that

efficiency will be discouraged and inefficiency encouraged. But perhaps the price is worth paying if it moderates wages as a whole and promotes more employment.

Under profit-sharing, employee remuneration has two components, a basic wage plus a share in the company's profits. When business is booming, wages-cum-profits will rise; during a recession the opposite will happen. Real wages will be more flexible. In recessions, employment would tend to be higher, and in booms it would tend to be lower, than would otherwise be the case.

Profit-sharing differs from TBIP in three main respects. The burden falls on workers rather than on employers. It does not raise the average level of employment; it simply reduces the volatility of employment by reducing the severity of recessions and the intensity of recoveries. In contrast, TBIP raises the average level of employment without affecting volatility. Finally, profit-sharing does not have the disadvantage of discouraging efficiency.

To fundamentalists such as

myself, both schemes are back-door attempts to overcome imperfections in the labour market so that the laws of supply and demand might operate more freely. They will be seen for what they are, and fail.

The front-door policy is to promote wage flexibility directly by removing the imperfections themselves. The main imperfection is that the unemployed have no power to compete in the labour market to regain their jobs and thereby promote new ones.

To achieve this, collective bargaining must be replaced by competitive bargaining. This requires radical trade-union reform. At present, it is only those in jobs who determine pay; the unemployed have no say because collective bargaining denies them their basic freedom to compete.

Tax-based income policies and profit-sharing should be seen as well-intentioned efforts to sidestep the basic issue. Employment will remain a social malaise as long as the employed continue to deprive the unemployed of their market power. Only fundamental reform will work. The unemployed must be re-empowered.

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Clifford Longley on the bishops' hard struggle for crisis management

A new word to the rescue: collegiality



never before embarked upon a major theological exercise.

The effort — much more effort, in fact, than anyone expected it would take — welded the bishops into a sense of corporate identity they had never felt before. They were proud of their report. There was an air of "we must do this again some time". Sooner than they thought, they will have to.

The "Durham" issue was one of two major disputes that gave the York synod its drama. The bishop made a fighting speech, which could have gone badly wrong. In the lobbies and bars afterwards, members were asking each other, "Are you a cultic idolator or a devil-worshipper?" because those who believe in the historical miracles of the Virgin Birth and the Empty Tomb were so categorized by the bishop.

But it was good-natured chat. The anger had gone out of it. The bishop had found his niche as a lovable old eccentric, not a heretic trying to destroy Christianity. The church loves eccentric persons and prelates, and the *Church Times*' weekly diary column is full of their caprices.

The second, and more intractable, crisis was over woman priests. The synod threw out a measure that would have granted limited recognition to female clergy from other parts of the Anglican Communion. Three days later it had to look at the real possibility of the church failing apart over these issues.

So the House of Bishops intervened; but it looked dangerously like an afterthought. With the entire synod looking for a way out of the impasse, the bishops'

initiative was greeted like divine deliverance.

If they are clever, the House of Bishops will keep this issue under close supervision, reporting back to the synod next year but never letting go of the reins again. So the ordination-of-women issue is becoming an education for the church in the pleasures and perils of episcopal collegiality. This particularly suits the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, who has talked of promoting the house he presides over to greater prominence without having been able to do much about it.

The danger is that the rest of the church will not understand what happened and why, and will therefore not feel bound by this "peace of York". Episcopal collegiality could yet fail for public relations reasons, particularly as the bishops are inclined to be the most secretive part of the church's structure.

This will be all the more likely if the bishops now approach their new role in the debate over women as an opportunity to re-examine the fundamental theological issues, and not just the legislative details which were before the synod. For this will take longer, and the remainder of the church will start getting restless.

The trigger was a report on various ways of satisfying the minority in a church where the majority wanted woman priests. It was not so difficult to devise conscience clauses for individual clergymen, so that they would not have to work with woman priests if they did not want to. But what of the relationship between such a clergyman and his bishop, who might be ordaining women left, right and centre? Some clergy say that they would then have to reject the ministry of their own bishop.

In Anglican theory a bishop and his priests are one entity, one ministerial body; the bishop is much more than an administrator. If some members of this ministerial body are women, some of the men will find themselves unable to belong to it, because they would regard it as no longer a proper apostolic ministerial priesthood. If some rejected the jurisdiction of their bishop, that would raise the whole question of what is the required shape of this apostolic priesthood. Could it, in other words, include women, and on what terms?

For the bishops to confine themselves now to consideration of the legislation, ignoring the theological issues, would be to guarantee that they could not solve the puzzle the church has now set them. Whether the church can have woman priests while keeping its unity and identity, it may take them a while to answer.

But the bonus for the church, whatever their answer, is that the bishops will be exerting collective leadership as never before. And the church needs above all an end to drift and a clear locus of authority. The General Synod itself has failed it in these respects. The House of Bishops might just rescue it from that failure.

Robin Russell Jones An acid reign for Waldegrave

As a non-Cabinet member, William Waldegrave, the Environment Minister, has had a difficult task in trying to persuade his colleagues of the importance of environmental issues.

During the past two years Waldegrave's efforts have been frustrated: in the area of vehicle pollution by the Department of Transport; on nuclear safety by the Department of Energy and in pesticide control by the Ministry of Agriculture.

His attempts to tackle the urgent problem of acid rain have been obstructed by, among others, Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, and Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary. The recent appointment of Nicholas Ridley as Environment Secretary offers little prospect of improvement.

This is not just a waste of talent. Other European countries are angered by Britain's refusal to join the Thirty Per Cent Club (20 countries committed to a 30 per cent reduction in sulphur dioxide emissions by the end of the decade). They see this refusal as a form of perverse national obstinacy, akin to our refusal to learn any language except our own. Provided the winds are blowing towards the east, our attitude is seen to be. What care what happens to Continental ecosystems? As long as our light-bulbs work, why worry about German forests, Norwegian fish, or Scandinavian water supplies?

There are powerful arguments for greater pollution control. As president of the EEC council of environmental ministers over the next six months, Waldegrave has a unique opportunity to put his case.

First, the evidence linking sulphur emissions with acid rain is now, according to the chief scientific adviser at the Department of the Environment, better documented than any other form of environmental pollution.

Studies by Imperial College, London, show that acidity of lake sediments in Scotland is directly related to British sulphur emissions, while surveys of Cornish flora over the past 70 years show a steady decline in alkaline-dependent plants and the advance of acidophilic species.

In defence of its refusal to join the Thirty Per Cent Club, the British government has argued that if 1970 had been used as a baseline, rather than 1980, Britain could in fact claim compliance with the 30 per cent requirement.

This, however, obscures the real situation. The truth of the matter is that Britain remains the largest source of pollution in western Europe, with the cluster of coal-fired power stations around Selby producing more sulphur pollution than Portugal, Ireland, Switzerland and Norway combined.

Furthermore, minimal anti-pollution equipment has been fitted on the new Drax B coal-fired

power station. Compared with the German policy of retrofitting their existing power stations, Britain's efforts look pretty pathetic.

Cynics have asserted that this situation has been deliberately fostered by the government and the Central Electricity Generating Board. If acid rain is perceived as being environmentally damaging, the case for nuclear power is that much stronger.

Unhappily for Walter Marshall, head of the CEB, Chernobyl has cast a long shadow over his aspirations for the nuclear industry. The alternative to acid rain is not nuclear power, but energy conservation and the development of renewables, such as wind, wave and tidal power.

Two directives will require Waldegrave's immediate attention. One, on vehicle exhaust emissions, has been agreed by all our European partners and offers considerable health and environ-



Waldegrave: difficult task ahead

mental benefits for those countries that choose to implement the new standards.

Unfortunately, Denmark has refused to ratify the directive because it is too weak, while Britain is refusing to implement it on the grounds that it is too strict.

It will be difficult, if not impossible, for Waldegrave to persuade the Danes to lift their reservations while Britain refuses even to consider the use of catalytic converters.

The second issue is the Large Plant Directive, aimed at reducing by 60 per cent sulphur emissions from Europe's largest power stations. Britain has again proved to be the main stumbling-block in reaching agreement on this vital issue. Environmentalists throughout Europe are hoping that this directive will receive approval during Waldegrave's tenure of office. The final decision, however, rests with Mrs Thatcher.

In the final analysis, however, even the British are going to feel cheated if, for the sake of a few pounds saved, they have no countryside left to enjoy.

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Paul Pickering

Play the goat, and get ahead

Do you really want to be rich and famous and develop irresistible sex appeal? Well, forget trying to be successful or, worse still, heroic. To get one's name in lights these days one has to be a scapegoat.

As a country we are obsessed by sacrificial victims, be they Botham or Boy George or all-purpose international supergoats such as Colonel Gaddafi. They are as familiar on the breakfast table as bitter orange marmalade.

All the money in the world cannot buy the attention a media scapegoat receives. When Richard Branson broke the public relations record for crossing the Atlantic he was effortlessly upstaged on landing by Princess Michael of Kent. She, of course, was an unopposed winner of the 1985 Golden Goat award when it was discovered that her father had been a member of the Waffen SS, and for a time she was blamed for the entire Second World War.

Suddenly, from being just another minor — if decorative — member of the Royal Family, she was seldom off the front pages. Now the princess is pursued by adoring businessmen who beg her to become a director of their companies. To achieve this kind of social impact Branson would have had to invade Poland.

The whole practice started as most things seem to, in the Old Testament, when it was no fun at all to be a goat. Symbolically burdened with the usually fairly considerable sins of the Tribes of Israel, the creature was tossed over a precipice outside Jerusalem to placate Azazel, a wilderness demon. Everyone, except the animal, felt better afterwards.

It was the Greeks who, no doubt after complaints from the Athens branch of Greenpeace, introduced human scapegoats to mitigate plague and calamity. This was not much fun for the victims, either. As with the best TV quiz shows, a couple was chosen at random, given a free meal and then driven off of the city with scourges of green twigs. If the fancy took the mob — which it frequently did — they were stoned for good measure.

Today's scapegoats, such as the hippie peace convoy, take great care to ensure that they too are continually, although less painfully, stoned, and proved exceptionally successful in a highly

genically horrible, they could easily be deemed responsible for anything from fowl pest to the next ice age. Each village vied to cast them out in a more spectacular way.

What was, in the final analysis, merely a rabble of 17 fairly scruffy caravans was soon being discussed in cabinet as a national evil, and began to attract groupies and foreign television crews.

Now the leaders are expensively cosseted in West Coast hotels writing their memoirs with generous publishers' advances. If it survives the precipice the scapegoat's life can be rewarding.

Ian Botham, burdened with the sins of English cricket, is much more famous since his fall from grace than ever he was just hitting sixes. Indeed, so admirably outlawed has he become that he is the first cricketer able to get away with tinting his hair.

Boy George, accused of many things, is a scapegoat superstar. Who would have thought a chap, dressed as a cross between a Hasidic rabbi and Julie Garland and singing, "Do you really want to hurt me?" could make millions? But such are the riches and attention which accrue to the modern goat.

One American newspaper has intriguingly suggested Gaddafi is a transvestite. But an Arab friend tells me the colonel's position is now so secure since being saddled with every act of terrorism since the Boston Tea Party that, *apart* the Tripoli raid, he has acquired a very pretty French mistress.

On the other side of the political fence the Nicaraguan secret police sought to make a scapegoat of a right-wing Catholic priest by showing a picture of him and a naked prostitute on TV. The effect was that the shy Father Carballo was nicknamed *El Caballo*. "The Stallion," and his church was then so packed and he so popular that last week he had to be expelled from the country.

Lambs may be spotless (if they are not Welsh and radioactive) but goats have more fun. The only trouble is that with so many lucky scapegoats around, it does make one wonder what the rest of us have been guilty up to. People in glasshouses should be very careful about throwing stones unless they want to follow them and risk a



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STRASBOURG AND THE STATE

Decisions of the European Court of Human Rights are not binding. Yet within six months it has adjudicated two suits by the Duke of Westminster and such substantial corporations as the General Electric Company and Prudential Assurance. They went to Strasbourg seeking a judgment which no British court could grant them for it was the acts of Parliament, formal and rhetorical, they wanted amended.

Their very approach legitimized the prestige of Strasbourg as a refuge and barrier against the power of Parliament and the elected politicians who control it. That recourse to the court should have accelerated under Mrs Thatcher (albeit to deal with issues left over from Labour predecessors) illuminates how far she has failed to address this question: should the supremacy of Parliament be trammelled by a bill of rights giving protection to the individual against executive fiat?

The merits of the Strasbourg cases differ. But the former shareholders of companies nationalized by the 1977 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Act deserved better. Their legal claims must now be considered exhausted. Yet their treatment leaves a stain on this government, as on its predecessors, and on the reputation of those ministers (Mr King, Mr Heseltine) who made so much political noise and so many implicit promises at the time but who, when they enjoyed power, found it expedient to do nothing.

Of course, governments must have freedom to act for the common good even where this harms individual and

private interests. There was in principle little wrong with the original scheme of valuation of ship-building firms proposed by Harold Wilson's government in 1974. What went wrong was that inflation transformed the value of the companies over time. By vesting date the compensation bore an obviously unfair relationship to the companies' 1977 free market value.

The litigants in Strasbourg wanted redress against politicians, and not just socialists. Sir William Lithgow has said he was galled more by the failure of the Conservatives to behave honourably once in power than by any action of the Industry Secretary in Mr Callaghan's government, Mr Tony Benn.

The European Court's verdict may please the Government in the short run. But its reasoning contains barbs. The Court has based itself firmly on a notion of balance between public and private rights. That language of rights could tip the balance against the economic individualism the Government espouses and be used to justify opposition to privatization.

That is obviously a legal interpretation that would please the Left, including Mr Kinnoch and his circle. They are, admittedly, more circumspect in their advocacy of public ownership in today's political climate. "Nationalisation" is a word to be avoided — perhaps because people know what it means. The more favoured phrase is "social ownership". What little is known of the Party's plans for British Telecom and other likely objects of government acquisition under a

Kinnoch administration suggests an attempt to divorce ownership of stock from control.

Is it too much to hope that Labour politicians will declare at this stage what their compensation prospectus will be? To do so would (as well as giving the Stock Market and at least some voters a fright) help avoid a replay of the shipbuilding saga.

The Government's stoic defence of Labour's nationalisation Act was designed to protect the revenue, notwithstanding the evident embarrassment of the defence. In the event, the judgment is likely to prove less important in adjudicating on past cases than in its precedent for the future. It does not change the law, but it underlines the ability of a future Labour government to do virtually anything it likes to unpick the privatization programme.

That will impinge on the public's consciousness at the moment when it is beginning to be aware of the plans Labour is formulating to reestablish state control with little concern for the small shareholders who have backed the likes of British Telecom and at a time when the opinion polls suggest that the return to power of Labour is not such a remote contingency. That fear, reflected in British Telecom's share price on Monday, is more relevant to the autumn flotation of British Gas and, indeed, will cast a cloud over all privatization issues between now and the next general election. But voters, not the law, must be the ultimate protection in that eventuality.

THE JAPANESE LOOK OUTWARDS

The gamble taken by Mr Nakasone in submitting himself for re-election 18 months early has paid off handsomely. The double election he was so harshly criticized for calling has brought him a double victory. His Liberal Democratic Party can now dispense with its coalition partner and govern alone. At the same time, Mr Nakasone himself has won a personal mandate unequalled in post-war Japan.

The circumstances of the Japanese Prime Minister's victory suggest a coincidence of domestic and foreign opinion which is as gratifying as it is unexpected. If Mr Nakasone had requested his future mandate from the electorate of the Western world, there is little doubt that he would have won a large majority. That he won a landslide victory from his own, traditionally introverted, electorate portends well for the future.

Before the election, it was thought that Mr Nakasone's high international profile might damage his chances at home, that his frequent travels and participation in international forums might be seen as indicating a lack of attention to domestic matters. In the event, Mr Nakasone's role in the world, his ability to take his place on equal terms alongside the leaders of the

other leading industrialized countries, appears to have been in his favour. His victory is a sign that Japan is becoming both more outgoing and more accessible.

The other serious liability Mr Nakasone was thought to have taken into the election was his economic policy, or rather its results. On the one hand, he had made known his willingness to preside over a Japanese market that would be more open to foreign participation — not necessarily an advantage in Japanese eyes. On the other, there were signs that existing economic policies, which had led to an inexorable rise in the yen, were not benefiting Japanese business as much as had been hoped.

Perversely, perhaps, both the prognosis for the Japanese economy and Mr Nakasone's victory could presage an improvement in the balance of trade between Japan and the outside world. The appreciation of the yen — which was ironically boosted still further by the news of Mr Nakasone's re-election — has meant falling profits for Japanese exporters and cheaper imports. Moreover, the outright majority won by the Liberal Democratic Party means that it can no longer use the excuse of coalition doubts to prevaricate

over moves to restructure the domestic market.

But there is a further benefit for the West in Mr Nakasone's victory. The Liberal Democratic Party under his leadership has aligned Japan increasingly with the United States and Western Europe, both politically and strategically. Politically, it has played a full part in joint Western efforts to combat terrorism and curb Eastern bloc espionage. Strategically, Japan has been as firm as any Western nation in supporting the Western alliance and brooking no Soviet advance in the North-Western Pacific.

Any Japanese Prime Minister who chooses the role of international politician takes on a task of extreme delicacy. Japan's strategic importance is something he cannot ignore, neither can he place it at risk. At the same time, he must avoid resurrecting the ghosts of Japan's militaristic past — or even hinting at their resurrection. The fact that Mr Nakasone has succeeded not only in strengthening Japan's international position, but also in improving relations with such erstwhile enemies as the United States, China and latterly even the Soviet Union, is a tribute to his statesmanship and good reason to applaud his re-election.

A DIPLOMATIC CRIME

Nobody has sailed out of the Rainbow Warrior affair with flying colours. But the tricolour looks in most need of repair. Prime Minister Jacques Chirac has said that all France would rejoice over the deal which his government has struck with New Zealand. Few outside France, however, will join in.

Tomorrow will be the first anniversary of the crime in which two bombs, detonated in the Greenpeace protest vessel Rainbow Warrior, dispatched it to the bottom of Auckland Harbour, with the loss of one member of the crew. His death was unintended but the sinking was very much French. The arrest of two French secret agents, their subsequent trial and imprisonment and the diplomatic squabble over money has made it a sorry twelve months for relations between Paris and Wellington.

Now the agents have had their sentences commuted from ten years to three — to be served on a South Pacific atoll which is a more open prison than most. The New Zealand premier, Mr David Lange, whose country has also received about £4.5m in compensation, has insisted that the island of Hao is not that pleasant. Nor, however, is very pleasant. While one

would not wish to victimise two agents who were clearly pawns in the great game, their virtual release can only be seen as surrender by New Zealand to the pressures of big power politics. That must be a matter for regret.

Mr Lange deserves some sympathy — although yesterday not many New Zealanders seemed to agree. The cancellation by France of orders for New Zealand meat, potatoes and fruit, and the threat to EEC dairy import quotas for Britain, imposed on his country an economic blackmail which his government felt unable to resist. It was butter rather than guns which won in the end, and perhaps Mr Lange went wrong in daring to commit the political folly of saying "never" when originally questioned about a deal. Pragmatism must sometimes triumph over principle.

But the French deserve scant sympathy or respect from anyone. To blow up a private ship engaged on a protest mission which, however exasperating for the French, was essentially non-violent, is to lay oneself open very clearly to the charge of state terrorism. However accidental the death which occurred, it was a risk which the

secret service was prepared to accept. In that case they should accept the consequences too.

This country has had to cope with anti-nuclear demonstrations to a much greater extent than has ever been the case in France. But it is hard to envisage any British government getting away with a crime of this kind, as easily as the government in Paris managed to do. Moreover, the crime was committed in the territorial waters of a supposedly friendly, if critical, country and thus exhibited a cynical disregard for the political proprieties which does the French government no credit.

Nor has it its conduct since been any better. It has accepted responsibility, but has done so with little grace and even less remorse. Far from seeking to make amends, it has argued over compensation and flexed its economic muscle to force a smaller nation to come to terms. That the two have finally done so, with the help of the UN Secretary-General, must give Britain some cause for satisfaction. A lingering quarrel between two allies damages this country's interests as it does their own. But it has been a squalid episode in French history and should bring Mr Chirac more shame than joy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Carrot and stick in South Africa

From Dr M. J. McGarick
Sir, Your leader (June 28) identifies rapid industrialisation as the prime agent for reform in South Africa. It is clear that the ideology of apartheid and the demands of a free market economy are highly contradictory. It follows, therefore, that external pressures applied in the form of economic sanctions, and of the campaign of violence orchestrated by the African National Congress from Lusaka are both shortsighted and counter-productive.

It is interesting to note that during a process of significant reform, for example the repeal of the pass laws and the abolition of influx control (regarded by blacks as two of the most hated aspects of the apartheid system), the ANC should decide to escalate its campaign of terror. Such a policy strengthens the hand of extreme right-wing Afrikanerdom, thus undermining the ability of the Government to negotiate with legitimate black leaders. Indeed, the campaign of violence has prompted the imposition of the present state of emergency. There is no doubt that the implementation of comprehensive

sanctions against South Africa would have a detrimental effect on the economy. However, a shrinking industrial base would relax the tensions inherent in the apartheid-free market contradiction, thus encouraging Pretoria to enact reactionary measures.

In short, accelerated expansion of the South African economy should be encouraged. Besides, the apartheid issue obscures the underlying problem of South African society: that of a First-Third World community reflecting the global North-South disparity. The world has much to learn from a South Africa eager to eliminate the poverty and ignorance within her borders. When apartheid is finally dismantled, would the international community deny South Africa the economic means to tackle one of the most pressing moral issues of our time?

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Academic salaries

From Sir Edward Parkes

Sir, The pay of doctors and dentists in the health service is determined by Government after considering the report of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body. This year it has accepted the DDB's recommendations, with an implementation date of July 1, and has provided additional resources for the health service to enable the new salaries to be paid.

The pay of doctors and dentists in university employ is, by longstanding agreement, supposed to be equal to that of their colleagues in the health service, although the universities play no part in the DDB's deliberations. Last year, Government refused to provide any money to universities to enable them to implement the DDB award, but the then Secretary of State for Education and Science, Sir Keith Joseph, wrote to the Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals promising that in future years "The universities will not be given less favourable treatment than the hospital and community health service in any

decision to provide additional funds to meet additional costs arising from DDB pay awards".

On July 4, Mr Walden, parliamentary under-secretary of state responsible for higher education, wrote to the chairman of the CVCP to inform him that ministers do not propose to honour Sir Keith's promise. Unlike the health service, universities will receive no money at the end of this month to enable them to pay their clinical staff the new salaries.

This decision to renege on Sir Keith's promise on clinical pay augurs ill for any chance of the new secretary of state paying heed to Sir Keith's half-promise, in his valedictory speech, of Government finding money to remedy some of the damage which it has done to universities' teaching and research (clinical and non-clinical alike) and those advanced sectors of our economy which depend on them. Yours faithfully,
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Alliance leadership

From the Duke of Devonshire

Sir, The country has now entered the run-up period to the next general election. The Government and the Labour Party have established leaders who, barring unforeseen accidents, will lead them in the election campaign.

The Alliance, the third major political force, is in no such happy position. Its two wings, the SDP and the Liberals, have their own leaders. Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel. As I understand it, this position will remain until after the election has been decided. Then the head of that wing of the Alliance who has the greater representation in Parliament will become its leader.

over these treasures. Clearly some are very much loved and cherished.

Unfortunately the society's files record many others, such as the exceptionally beautiful 14th-century knight and lady in a small Yorkshire church, which are simply being allowed to crumble away from lack of interest and therefore of money. One parish embarrassed by a Roubiliac monument recently offered it to a London dealer.

Some fine medieval grave-slabs have just been broken up by a municipal cleansing department. If these belonged to private collectors there would be a public outcry at this sort of vandalism. It is possible to find help and advice about monuments. May I appeal through your columns for more people to try to save them. Yours faithfully,
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Church and miracles

From the Rev Canon C. Beswick

Dr Jenkins, in his speech to the General Synod (report, July 7), seemed to imply that because God did not intervene to prevent the human catastrophes of Hiroshima and the Holocaust, it is unlikely that he intervened in the cases of the virgin birth and the empty tomb. But Hiroshima and the Holocaust were the result of the moral failure of human free will. The other two "events" were of a different order. Yours faithfully,
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Puzzling plurals

From the Rev Dr J. W. R. Sarkies

Sir, A trivial misprint, "MPSand", in the front page article about water-selling (July 4, early edition), drew my attention to what to me, is a fresh anomaly in the English language. Why not MMP or MPP, preferably the former, since no member serves two parliaments? But no, Fowler is adamant. MPs is the correct plural, with a suitable adjustment of apostrophes for single and plural possessive members. It is also firm about MS and MSS. Strangely there is no guidance about PS and PPS. Perhaps this is because the device itself is

I am profoundly unhappy with such a situation. In a general election voters wish to know who is the acknowledged leader of the party they are voting for before they vote, not after. To fudge the issue of the leadership of the Alliance in the coming months will cost the party dear at the election.

To pre-empt those who may accuse this letter of rocking the Alliance boat, I say it is better to face this issue now rather than at the election when it could be disastrous for the party. Yours faithfully,
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thought to be so debased as to be beneath literary comment.

Yours faithfully,
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Study of dolphins

From Mr James Wharram

Sir, A recent Times report (July 2) reported that two marine scientists had investigated the mores of keeping dolphins and whales in captivity and concluded that there was no reason to ban the keeping of the animals in captivity. Such a conclusion must be questioned. Dolphins can be studied in their natural habitat, as Jane Goodall studied chimpanzees in the Gombe reserve and Dian Fossey mountain gorillas in Rwanda. It is a lot harder on the observer than watching the aimless movements of highly intelligent, traumatized captive animals in zoos and dolphinariums.

From a scientific point of view, results from the observation of animals in their natural environment are always more reliable than observations made of captive animals. Natural observations of dolphins have taken place and are continuing. Yours faithfully,
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Summons to the fighting spirit

From Mr W. P. Goss

Sir, It is to be hoped that when real educationists and concerned parents meet the Central Council of Physical Recreation they will feel disposed to discount the theories of the council's spokesmen and senior technical officer (report, July 4) and remind that body that their proper concern should be for recreation and its fundamental value — to participate, not win or lose.

Anyone who has ever witnessed the language and manicured exhortations of parents on the touchline of competitive soccer played by (too) young boys would deplore irresponsible pronouncements about the need to inculcate competitiveness in the wrong place and at the wrong age.

For far too long now technical considerations, based on requirements of professional sport, a totally different milieu, have swept aside an essential prior developmental requirement of free expression of talent and enjoyment during the innocence of youth. It is had enough to learn one has been born to a rat race, but far worse to attempt to simulate it before understanding the implications.

Sir, away with technical officers and back to Aristotle!

It is true that citizens of our state must be able to lead a life of action and war; but they must be even more able to lead a life of leisure and peace. It is true, again, that they must be able to do necessary or useful acts; but they must be even more able to do good acts. These are the general aims which ought to be followed in the education of childhood and the stages of adolescence which still require education.

Yours sincerely,
W. P. GOSS,
25 Deane House,
Barbican, EC2.

Mental illness

From the National Director of MIND

Sir, Your extensive recent publicity and your July 2 editorial on the needs of people suffering from schizophrenia is a major step towards widening public awareness of this disorder. As you rightly emphasize, it is important to obtain money to provide decent community services before the large hospitals can be closed.

However, to overstate the figures helps nobody. It is not likely that as many as 60 per cent of homeless people are discharged mental patients, as your editorial suggests, nor is it the case that existing charities are mainly self-help groups.

Although schizophrenia is one of the major mental illnesses it is not the only one. Manic depressive psychosis, severe depression and other problems affect many more people than those with schizophrenia. Although some current research suggests that schizophrenia may be biochemical in origin there is other information to suggest that it has social, familial and environmental causes.

Around seven million people in the UK have had or will have professional help for a mental illness at some time in their lives — and that does not include those who suffer quietly or whose problems are not properly diagnosed. MIND and the National Schizophrenia Fellowship have been working for many years trying to bring these concerns to the attention of the public. Yours faithfully,
CHRIS HEGINBOTHAM,
National Director, MIND (National Association for Mental Health),
22 Harley Street, W1,
July 3.

Us and them

From Mr Robert Phillipson

Sir, I fully agree with Mrs Huxley (July 3) that the expression "taxpayers' money" is more accurate and far more desirable than "government money". May I also suggest the use of the words "public investment", rather than "public spending", when taxpayers' money is used to build and repair schools, hospitals, roads, bridges and sewers? These are all things that individual taxpayers need but are not able to provide themselves.

Once we have stopped referring to "government money", incidentally, perhaps the patient payers of high motor taxes might also see a larger share of their money than the present 25 per cent devoted to the roads they use. Yours sincerely,
ROBERT PHILLIPSON,
Director-General,
British Aggregate Construction Materials Industries,
156 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.

Jakarta air show

From the Director of The Society of British Aerospace Companies

Sir, I returned from Jakarta yesterday having spent a whole week with the British exhibitors at the Indonesian air show. This morning (July 2) I was astonished to read in The Times a report from the Jakarta Reuter correspondent headed "F16s steal Jakarta air show".

Far from the US F16s and the French Mirage stealing the show, those who were in Jakarta will tell you that it was the RAF Red Arrow aerobatic display team who held the Indonesians spellbound. Yours faithfully,
JOHN CURTIS, Director,
The Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd,
29 King Street,
St James's, SW1,
July 2.

ON THIS DAY

JULY 9 1851

The date of this fire had an ominous ring, for it broke out on the anniversary of a similar fire in the city the previous year. A week after the second fire, another destroyed half of the nearby town of Stockton; but Californians were undiminished. It was said of them that if they could not build houses to resist fire, they would burrow holes and live in them, rather than abandon a place where they made so much money.

THE CONFLAGRATION OF SAN FRANCISCO

(From Our Own Correspondent)

San Francisco, May 6

We have just suffered by far the greatest calamity, both to the loss of life and property, by which this devoted city has yet been visited. A general conflagration which commenced on last Saturday night, the 3rd inst., at 11 o'clock and continued for two days, has laid the best, most important, and most ornamental portion of the city in ruins. Long ranges of handsome and commodious brick houses, which extorted praise and admiration from every passer-by three days ago, are now burning masses of ruins and ashes, or, unrecognizably open spaces, revealing the mouths of active volcanoes. The scene is more horrible and the loss more extensive — the misery more intense, than any language of mine can convey even an imperfect impression of. This is the most destructive and extensive fire that has occurred in any part of the world since the great fire in Hamburg (sic). None of the great fires of London of this generation bear a comparison to it.

I happened to be passing within 60 yards of the spot at the moment the alarm was given, and saw the fire break out. A small jet of flame issued from the upper floor on the wooden balcony of a painter's shop on the south side of Portsmouth-square, which in a few minutes sprang into a thick volume of flame, enveloping the whole front of the house, and communicating to the adjoining houses, all of wood and dry as tinder.

After the fire had raged for half an hour in a perfect calm, a strong breeze sprang up, which sealed the fate of the city. The fire now fanned by the wind, was carried in a southerly direction sweeping everything before it — houses of every size and material, the brick and adobe (baked clay), as well as the wooden fabrics and their contents, with irresistible fury... whole blocks, blazing, crashing, and tumbling into ruins; the heat increasing and the smoke thickening so as to impede respiration. Every now and again a startling noise of a house rent asunder and demolished by the gunpowder stored within it; the blazing of liquors, oils, paints, and all sorts of combustibles, throwing an occasional and horrid glare on the hell beneath.

At five minutes past twelve our house was unattacked, my offices were quite cool, and I had the fullest confidence of the building. Suddenly my shutters started into a red heat, as if struck by lightning; the carpets and floors in front, the bedroom furniture behind, all caught at the same time; the rooms became filled with sparks, a suffocating smoke and steam, and I was surrounded by fire in an instant. The owner saved his life by forcing his way from the roof, through the fire, in wet clothes with a damp sponge in his mouth, and slipping down the walls by means of a blanket...

My furniture, library, papers and all the paraphernalia of a lawyer's office were destroyed in this short space of time, and I found myself at the end of it limping in the streets with a sprained ankle and a broken shin, minus everything in the shape of property, except the clothes on my back.

The space devastated is about... 8,000 square yards... the loss of property is incalculable; including merchandise, it is estimated at 10,000,000 dollars, and the number of persons rendered homeless cannot be less than 10,000 and probably amounts to 12,000.

Wednesday, May 14, enables me to speak of the business and future prospects of the place... That the business of the place received a severe check is, of course, certain, but there is no danger of the general prosperity of the place being destroyed by the fire. As to the indomitable energy of this people, I have so often spoken with admiration of it under similar circumstances that it would be idle to continue its repetition. It is now a truce. It seems to go ahead, so long, at all events, as the gold continues inexhaustible. So long as this source of wealth continues, it will attract a large and active population, and if all the houses in San Francisco burn, and as San Francisco is the established emporium of this country, it must prosper...

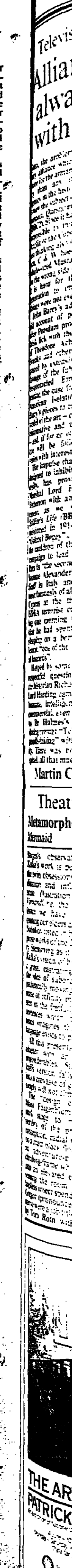
Open to view

From Miss L. E. Adams

Sir, In reply to Mr Roger Musgrave (July 5), dressed as he was, it is hardly surprising his nationality was obvious. The Englishman has always been the same.

How oddly he is suited! I think he bought his doublet in Italy, his round nose in France, his bonnet in Germany and his behaviour everywhere. (Merchant of Venice, act 1, sc. ii).

Yours faithfully,
LINDEN E. ADAMS,
224 Guildford Road,
Birkdale,
Southport,
Merseyside,
July 5.



THE ARTS

KZAMIN AL-JAHIL

Television
Alliance
always
with us

Nato, the problematical military alliance which has done more for the armaments industry than any international agency in the history of peace, is now the subject of a six-part memoir, *Questions of Defence* (BBC2). Since it has long been impossible to think of East Anglia or the Cotswolds without thinking also of PX bombs, C & W hoe-downs and whole-sized Mustangs driving on the wrong side of the road, it is hard for the postwar generation to imagine that things were not ever thus.

John Barry's admirably lucid account of political life after Potsdam proceeded at a brisk lick with the assistance of Theodore Achilles, Lord Franks and others, and was graced by extensive newsreel footage of the fussy, goggle-eyed, goggle-eyed Ernest Bevin putting the case for an end to American isolationism. Mr Barry's pieces to camera are a model of the art — crisp, direct, informative and unglamorous — and, if for no other reason, one will be following this series with interest.

The impulse that Nato was designed to inhibit, L. bellis-

cosity, has provided Field Marshal Lord Harding of Petherton with an illustrious career, as we saw in *A Soldier's Life* (BBC1). Commissioned in 1914 (faded up "Colonel Bogey"), he survived the cauldron of the Gallipoli campaign to lead the Desert Rats in "the second show", to become Alexander's Chief of Staff in Italy and (perhaps most humbly of all) to govern Cyprus at the time of the EOKA terrorist crisis. Walking one morning to discover that he had spent the night sleeping on a bomb was, we learnt, "one of the occupational hazards".

Helped by some sedulously respectful questioning from the historian Richard Holmes, Lord Harding came across as humane, intelligent and uncontrived, even responding to Dr Holmes's unusually daring prompt: "Tell me about poodle-faking." There was, it transpired, all that much to tell.

Martin Cropper

Theatre
Metamorphosis
Mermaid

Borges's observation that Kafka's work is pervaded by the twin obsessions of subordination and infinity finds acute illustration in *Die Verwandlung*, the story that (since we have begun by quoting our elders and betters) Nabokov listed in his top four prose works of the 20th century. Stemming as it does from Kafka's vision of his father as a gross, castrating monster, the idea of subordination is pathetically moving, while the sense of infinity may best be seen in the fretfully ungainly sentences which one sometimes imagines the German language exists to perpetrate.

All this presents the stage adapter with an Eiger of imponderables. Steven Berkoff's version falls headlong into a crevasse of guignol and simply will not climb out.

The "design consultant" Mani Faigenblum offers a stark stage to match the sterility of the production's conception: radial white lines on a matt black floor support an adventure-playground climbing-frame which recedes into an elevated cage representing the room where the hapless insect spends his days. Gregor (pronounced as if his name were a job title) is played by Tim Roth with creaking

Dance in London...
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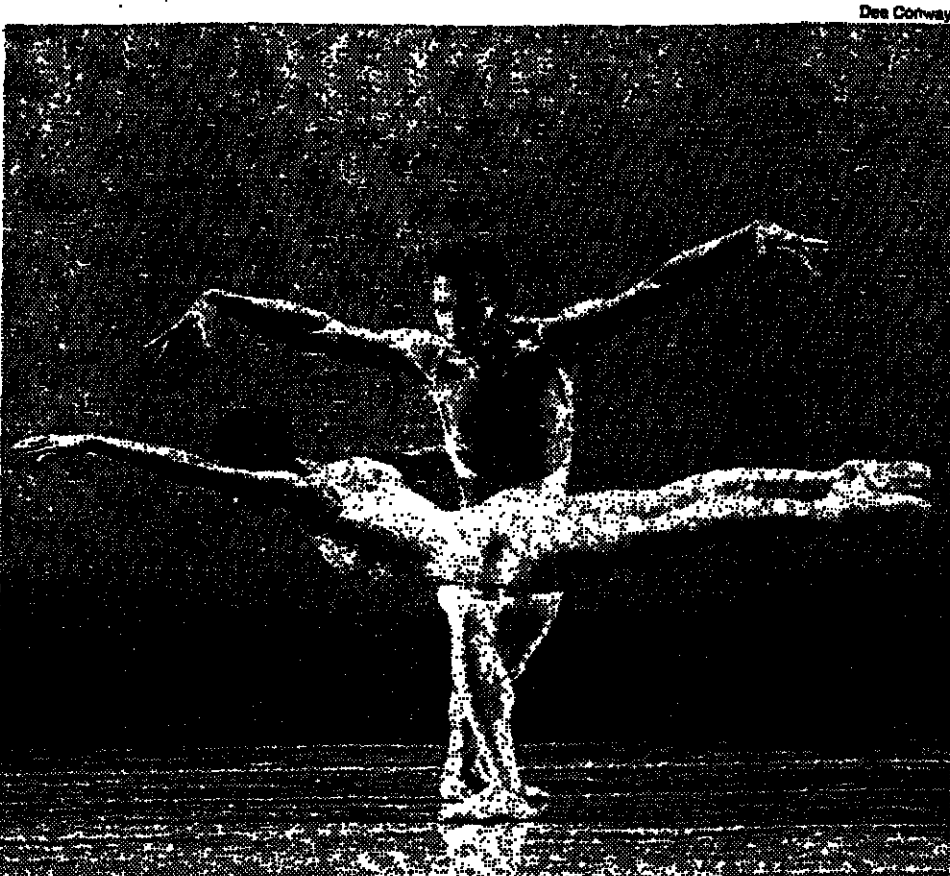
Halfway through its short London season, Dance Theatre of Harlem on Monday showed two of its successes from previous visits together with a work new to this repertoire, although familiar from other productions. Glen Tetley's *Voluntaries*. Set to Poulenc's *Organ Concerto*, a score combining religiosity and theatricality in roughly equal proportions, this is a ballet that demands wholehearted performances.

The Harlem ensemble meet that demand head on. I have a slight reservation concerning the central couple, Yvonne Hall and Augustus van Heerden. They perform the serious, tormented duets perfectly well, but we have seen more passion and expression in these roles. However the trio, who have scarcely less prominent roles, are exceptionally good. Stephanie Dabney's long, plant line is displayed beautifully in involved and spectacular ad-

gios by her two partners, Joseph Cipolla and Donald Williams, both strong and sure in the episodes where she is sustained like a banner high above their heads.

All three of these dancers also shine in solo work. Dabney's slow, exploratory passages are as impressive as her swifter circuits of the stage, and the two men reveal accurate, composed patterns as well as outstanding strength in their jumps. Among the supporting group of six couples, the men have the more conspicuous opportunities for display, and seize them well. But the women also meet Tetley's exigent requirements confidently.

Balanchine's *Serenade*, which started this programme, also expects a lot from its mainly female cast, not so much in terms of difficult steps but in the pace and clarity with which they must be presented. It is a ballet that has always suited the Harlem dancers, and does so still. Choreographically, with its constant flow of movement imaginatively matched to the music, Tchaikovsky's *Sere-*



Good at the serious stuff: Yvonne Hall and Augustus van Heerden in *Voluntaries*

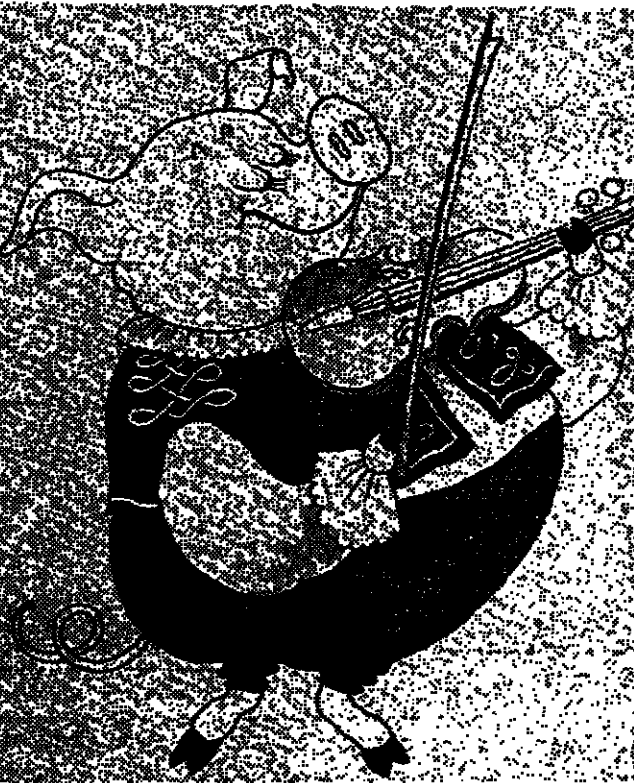
nade for Strings, this is the highlight of the season, worth an effort to catch.

In *Voluntaries* and *Serenade*, the Harlem team invites and survives comparison with productions by much larger companies. In *The Firebird*, John Taras's staging neatly

avoids direct confrontation by reworking the story in a new context, transferring the Russian legend to an exotic tropical forest. The choreography pays discreet homage to versions by both Fokine and Balanchine, but has its own virtues, especially in the star-

ling entries for the creatures of evil. Dabney's swiftly darting Firebird is the outstanding performance, and the production builds to a climax of sheer spectacle thanks to the beautiful designs of Geoffrey Holder.

John Percival



A pig in ethnic fig to emphasize the Austro-Hungarian connection at Mörbisch; and Georg Diehl (left), Louis Gentile and Ewa Lzykowska eyeballing the audience in the Kammeroper's *Pagliacci*

Festival time in Austria: John Higgins in the musical heartlands
Magical sounds of beautiful buildings

The two key dates in the Austrian music calendar over the next few months are August 15, when Penderecki's new opera *Die schwarze Maske* has its premiere at the Salzburg Festival in a production by Harry Kupfer, and October 19, when Claudio Abbado conducts his first opera as the new music director of the Vienna State Opera, *Un ballo in maschera*. But before then the country has a mass of smaller music festivals, some very modest and heavily dependent on the baroque ensembles which are taking up more and more space on the summer circuit, others so well established that they tend to be overlooked by those in search only of the new or the glamorous.

So Mr Berkoff believes that lower-middle-class families are false, grasping hypocrites, ridiculous. If that were all there was to it, his production should surely be accompanied by repeated renditions of the Cat Stevens song "Matthew and Son" rather than by the soundtrack of rantes and scratchy reptile noises with which it is in fact favoured.

But that is not all there is to it: towards the conclusion, the tedious is relieved by Gary Olsen, as the smarmy, demanding lodger, whose grotesque overplaying seems belatedly on sending up Mr Berkoff himself. Here is the subordination of theatre to dullness in an infinity of wasted talent.

Martin Cropper

Thirty miles south-east of Vienna, at Mörbisch on the Neusiedler See, customers for Johann Strauss's *Der Ziegnerbaron*, which opens on Friday, are unlikely to encounter any of the violence that characterized Tabori's *Pagliacci*. A hefty contingent from the Vienna Volksoper has gone to the lakeside for the summer and it is no surprise that the logo for *The Gypsy Baron* is a pig in full Hungarian fig playing a violin.

The pig-dealer in the opera, who is illiterate but knows everything there is to be known about swine, will be sung by Peter Minich — a considerable change for the tenor who used to sing romantic leads at this address.

Visitors to Mörbisch should give themselves time enough to stop on the way at Eisenstadt, city of Haydn, who this year has discreetly given way to another son of the Burgundian, Franz Liszt. The town's museum, an airy and sunlit building which was once the home of the chief rabbi, has an exhibition full of imagination entitled *The Unknown List*. His actual birthplace is fairly unknown too: it is twenty or so miles to the south at Raiding, like Eisenstadt on the edge of the Hungarian frontier. The single-storey house, with its well outside the front door, could have been transported direct from the *pucier*. In Liszt's double anniversary year it must return to the map.

The Austro-Hungarian connections, which now seem to be getting closer by the year again, were evident in Graz, capital of Styria. In another opera house, recently restored to its previous gilt and plush, the Budapest Ballet were playing a *Romeo and Juliet* as sumptuous — barring a couple of scenes — as it was energetic. Its force stems from the choreography of Laszlo Seregi, which owes little to Cranko, MacMillan or anyone else. Britain should sample Seregi's work and that of his leading ballerina, Katalin Volf, whose Juliet had the impishness and weightlessness of the young Fonteyn. Edinburgh Festival please note.

Otherwise it is baroque time in Graz at the moment. The Styrian leaves contemporary music to the Styrian Autumn, which runs from the end of September to the end of October, and under the influence of Nikolaus Harnoncourt, who conducts nearly all

the major events, even Bach is considered a bit late. In a recital of 17th-century violin music in the great hall of Schloss Eggenburg, which looks down on Graz, Thomas Zehemair was helped by the ambience and hindered by the castle peacocks, who clearly found sunset an inspiring time of day. Frescobaldi with peacock obbligato can have its drawbacks.

Further west in Carinthia no such interruptions are tolerated. The Carinthian Summer, which runs until the end of August, throws its net wide, and a trawl might land anything from a Ricciarelli recital to a Gottfried von Einem debate. The only constant is the church of Ossiach, on the lake that bears its name, an oasis of tranquillity among the camping sites tucked between mountain and water. Within, baroque has unquestionably turned rococo, but not so the music. At the opening concert given by the Zagreb Ensemble

the *Metamorphosis* for 12 strings by Cesar Bresgen (his new opera, *Der Engel von Prag*, has its premiere at Innsbruck shortly) seems stern stuff in such a setting. Jean Francaix's *Diversissement* for bassoon and strings seemed much more appropriate, especially with Milan Turkovic as the dashing soloist.

Those who find the Carinthian Summer altogether too eclectic have but to move a lake north to Millstatt and another monastery church there. In Millstatt Haydn, Mozart and Bach are the favoured composers and the seasons clearly merge: the Musical Spring ended, a little surprisingly, only last week; the International Music Weeks take over without a break; when they close it is, less surprisingly, the Musical Autumn. No lake in Carinthia seems to be without its own festival and no festival without its own season.

... and in Granada
Where Carmen is
a foreigner

As a setting for a festival, Granada in June takes quite a lot of beating. The daytime weather is hot, but not excessively so. The Alhambra and the gardens of the Generalife are cool, fragrant and full of flowers, and the number of tourist coaches is still small enough to make it possible to enjoy a few moments of quiet.

This year's festival is the thirty-fifth, embracing both music and dance, and there is a strong emphasis on Spanish music, more precisely "the generation of 27", intended by some twist of logic to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Federico Garcia Lorca, who was closely linked with the musical life of the period. Indeed Lorca, born only a few miles from Granada, provided the theme for a number of concerts.

Apart from an evening of flamenco from Mario Maya's company, the dance element of the festival — like the opera — ignores the Lorca anniversary despite the number of ballets his poems and plays have inspired. Nothing remotely Iberian appears in the repertoire of Martha Graham's company, so the only example of a Spanish theme was London Festival Ballet's production of Roland Petit's *Carmen*, receiving its company premiere. But, as a local critic explained, "We Spaniards don't care much for *Carmen* — it's a French story with French music, not really Spanish at all". Be that as it may, the ballet received full-blooded performances from the Festival Ballet cast with Peter Schaufuss as a passionate, doom-stricken Don José, Dominique Khalfouni (a guest from Petit's own company) a chillingly sensual, self-centred Carmen and Davide Bombana a subtle Escamillo.

Nowadays, the choreography looks frankly old-fashioned, but it has acquired a certain period charm, and the costume designs by the Spanish painter Antoni Clavé are still stunning. The ballet had to be performed without scenery, and suffered from its absence. But the belt of cypresses surrounding the open-air stage in the Generalife gardens provided a marvellous background for the other works given by Festival Ballet. *Giselle* especially benefited from the setting, although the chill night air meant the Willis were almost pale enough to do without their white make-up.

A further demonstration of the hazards of open-air performance occurred when Janette Mulligan, about to make her entrance as Myrtha at the dress rehearsal, discovered the stage had been usurped by a large frog. No volunteer being available to give the traditional kiss to discover whether in fact it was an enchanted ballerina, the stage-struck amphibian was gently shoed offstage and allowed only to add naturalistic woodland effects to Adam's score.

The principal interest in the performances was provided by the orchestra from Karlovy Vary, better known to some of us as Carlsbad. With the exception of the Bizer Symphony, all the music was unfamiliar to them, but it was refreshing to hear how even Minkus could sound new and attractive. Both Festival Ballet's conductors had nothing but praise for the players. As Andrew Mogrelia, conducting a particularly difficult night rehearsal, remarked, "how many orchestras would continue playing when the lights went out?" Perhaps the full moon over the Alhambra worked the magic.

Giselle, apart from Schaufuss's passionate and sincere Albrecht, was the appearance of the company's 17-year-old Spanish ballerina Trinidad Sevillano in the title role. She has danced the ballet only once before, at her first appearance with the company, when she shone by virtue of her seemingly effortless technique and her youthful charm and radiance. This time she had the benefit of intensive coaching from Gelsey Kirkland, herself prevented by injury from dancing the role with the Royal Ballet this season, and to Sevillano's natural gifts has been added a comprehensive understanding of the role which is evident in every step and gesture. Some of the details which Kirkland has added sit a little uneasily on this very young dancer, but even by her second performance in Granada she seemed more at home and gave what promises to be an outstanding interpretation.

Sevillano also took the lead in the two ballets which made up the triple bill with *Carmen*. Natalia Makarova's production of *La Bayadere* has already been seen in Britain, and the company, especially the corps de ballet, seem to be responding positively to its stringent demands. Patrick Armand was Solor, dancing with thrilling elevation and impressive turns, but I feel that with variation in emphasis, greater light and shade, he could be still more stunning. Sevillano danced with a sure technique and dreamy lyricism but lacked a little drama.

The triumph of the evening — and triumph it was indeed when the audience stood and cheered at 2.15 a.m. in freezing temperatures, was the Festival Ballet premiere of Balanchine's *Symphony in C*. All the dancers — and the ballet requires every woman to deserve credit for the speed and energy with which they attacked the choreography. There was none of the tentative air which generally mars British companies' attempts at Balanchine ballets. To be sure, lines could be straighter, but the essential qualities are there and the work now only requires polishing.

Accompaniment for all the performances was provided by the orchestra from Karlovy Vary, better known to some of us as Carlsbad. With the exception of the Bizer Symphony, all the music was unfamiliar to them, but it was refreshing to hear how even Minkus could sound new and attractive. Both Festival Ballet's conductors had nothing but praise for the players. As Andrew Mogrelia, conducting a particularly difficult night rehearsal, remarked, "how many orchestras would continue playing when the lights went out?" Perhaps the full moon over the Alhambra worked the magic.

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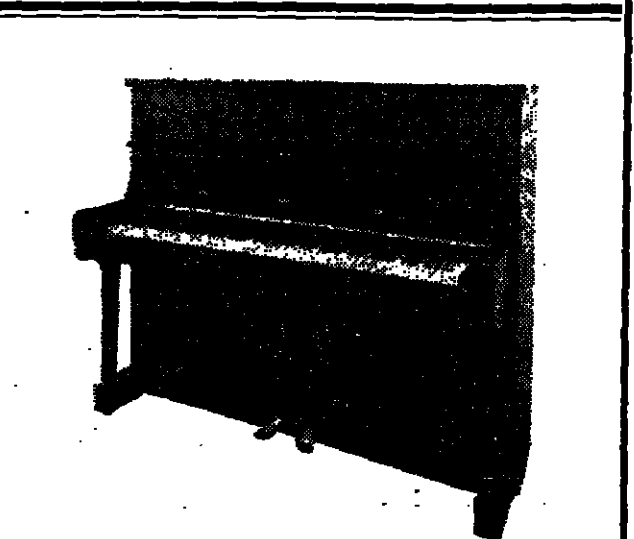
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By David Young
Energy Correspondent

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£600m industry claim rejected

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building Industries Bill were originally attacked by the Conservatives when in opposition as "grossly inadequate" and "outright confiscation" and it was those terms which prompted the former industry secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, to seize the mace and whirl it over his head.

But they were vigorously defended by the Tories once in power.

Sir William was one of the main shareholders in seven nationalized companies which accused the Government of violating their rights to property under the European Convention of Human Rights.

Receivers on behalf of another of the companies, Vosper plc, said yesterday that as a result of the judgement there would not be sufficient funds to "allow any payment to creditors".

All the companies claimed the compensation was unfair because it was based on 1974 stock market valuations, although nationalization took place three years later and only one of the companies was publicly quoted.

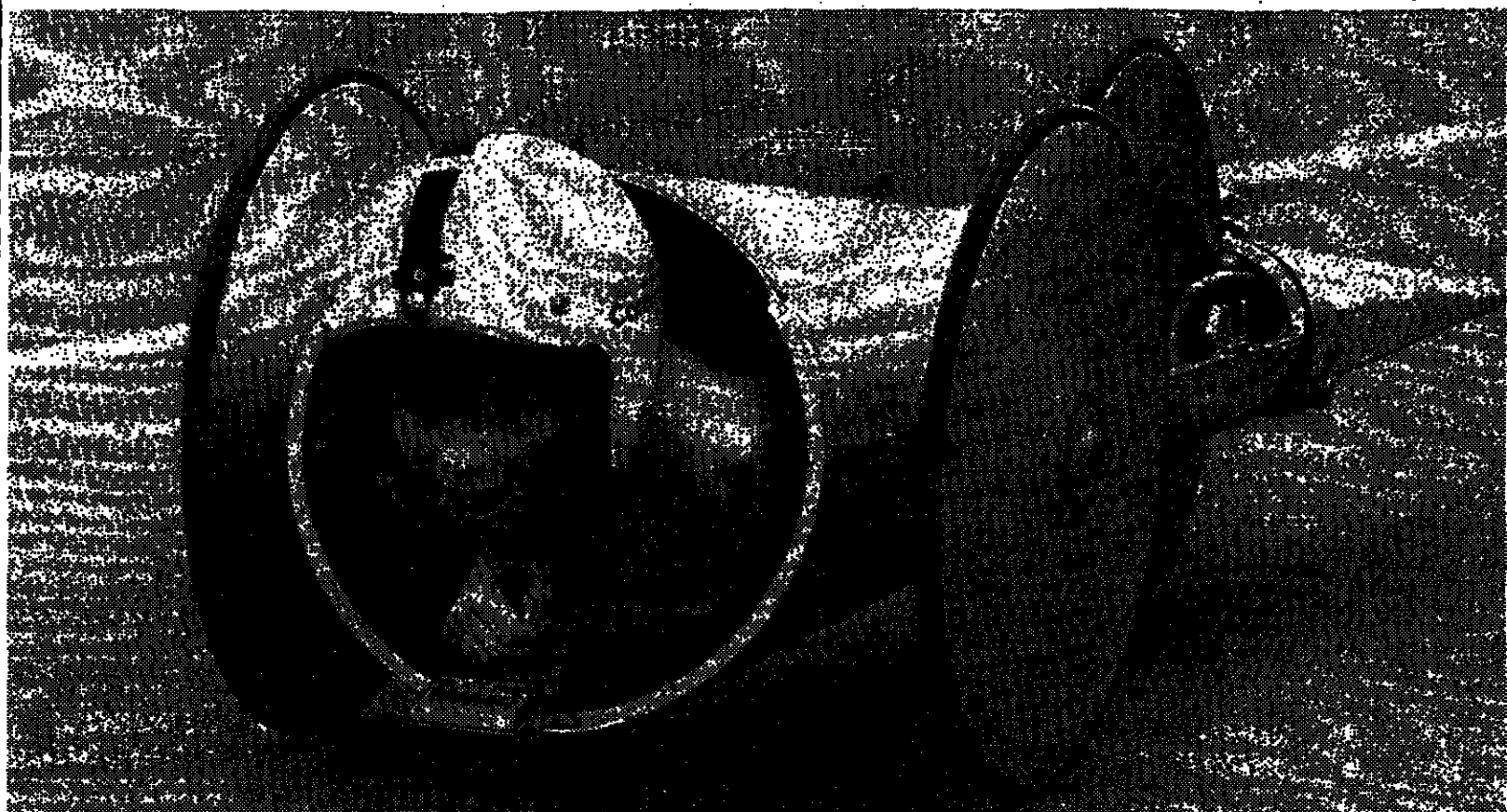
The European court held that it was not unreasonable to use a hypothetical stock exchange quotation method for assessing compensation. Although it took an account of inflation it also protected shareholders against a decline in their shares.

Although taking property without compensation reasonably related to its value would normally be considered a breach of the European convention, a different standard of compensation might apply in a nationalization case provided "that a fair balance was preserved".

"The state had a wide margin of appreciation as regards not only the decision to nationalize but also the compensation terms."

MPs pressure: The Government was facing pressure from Conservative MPs last night to make additional payments to companies who lost their case at Strasbourg (Philip Webster writes).

Motoring at 3,311 miles per gallon



A ground-level approach for Robert Nichols, aged 11, from Manchester, the youngest competitor in yesterday's marathon. (Photographs: Peter Trievner)

BR engineers vote to reject strike action

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ballot to win. "Our workshop staff have had the stuffing knocked out of them over the past few years with 17,000 lost jobs and depots and works closures."

Mr Knapp admitted that a yes vote would have given the union more muscle in its efforts to get the British Rail Board to look at its alternative plan for rail workshops.

Under the board's proposals, around 5,900 jobs are expected to go over the next three years. With 1,750 redundancies previously announced, around 7,650 jobs could be lost by 1989 as part of BR's cost-cutting and efficiency programme.

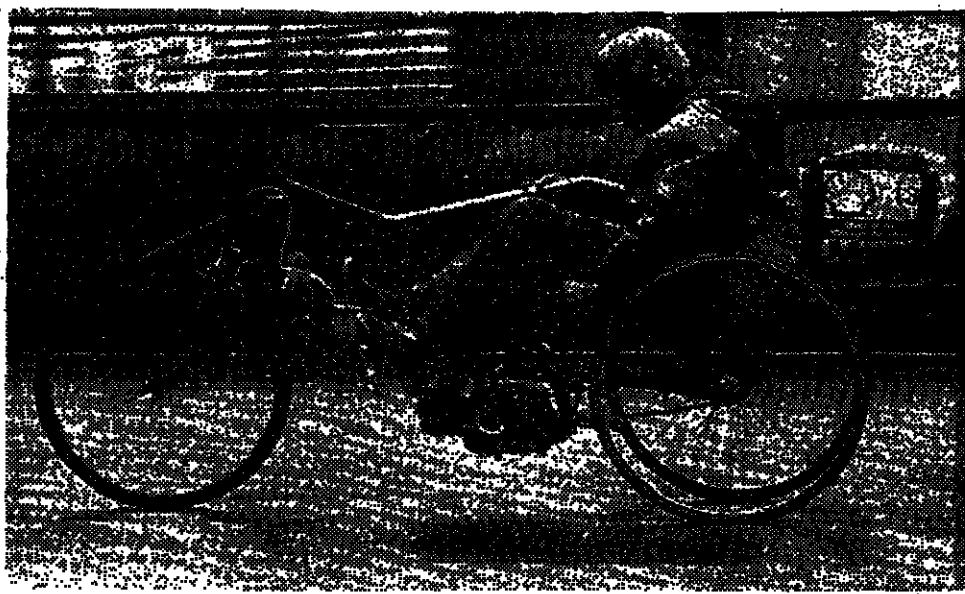
Mr Knapp charged that BR and the British Railways Board had implied that the unions had not taken up invitations to talks. "So the immediate need is to put this to the test and get them to see

if they cannot sensibly jointly work out a policy which is in the best interests of the industry."

In a statement yesterday, the British Railways Board said that BR was ready for an early meeting with the unions "with a view to minimizing the hardship caused and dealing with the human problems in a sympathetic and positive way."

The statement added: "The board recognizes the strength of feeling and anxiety caused by the necessary run-down in staff over the next three years, due mainly to a reduction in the maintenance workload, with the high level of investment in modern rolling stock."

"Some £3 million has already been allocated to developing alternative employment initiatives and a senior director is being appointed to concentrate efforts on finding other work for as many as possible of those displaced."



Team manager and driver C Hinchey balances precariously on the Hinchey machine.

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Letter from Moscow

A new voice for the Kremlin

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, a pockmarked, middle-aged man, aged 54, has emerged from the relative obscurity of the English-language weekly, *Moscow News*, to take over as Soviet spokesman in charge of the regular Kremlin briefings on the second Gorbachev-Mitterrand summit.

His first week as head of the expanded Directorate of Information inside the Soviet Foreign Ministry has proved something of a baptism of fire — but one which, most Western correspondents agree, Mr Gerasimov (who they have dubbed "Geronimo") handled with a degree of flair.

Despite his lack of experience as a Kremlin spokesman, he showed his mettle early on, when one reporter asked for confirmation of an uncorroborated story in the West German tabloid, *Bild*, that a plan had been hatched to release the exiled Soviet physicist, Dr Andrei Sakharov, and the jailed black leader, Mr Nelson Mandela, as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

Without the outward signs of anger that have so often been the hallmark of previous Soviet spokesmen when faced with embarrassing Western questions, Mr Gerasimov took the query in his stride.

"Unfortunately, I cannot comment on any fantasizing by an irresponsible newspaper," he replied, making his views quite clear to the hundreds of reporters packing the cavernous briefing hall.

Unlike his predecessor, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, who has been moved sideways to a yet undefined ambassadorial post (and is at present recuperating from an illness), Mr Gerasimov has a fluent command of English and a relaxed, easy-going style that American reporters have likened to that of White House spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes.

This approachable manner was much in evidence when Mr Gerasimov made his public debut last Friday in the grounds of Spaso House, the imposing American ambassador's residence, for the noisy Independence Day celebrations, complete with barbecued hamburgers and a marine swing band.

"He quickly showed that he has a sense of humour, that unlike some previous officials, he is not didactic and that he has an excellent command of English," said one senior US correspondent.

"I think that Americans were impressed. This appeared a man very much in the new, modern Gorbachev image."

Mr Gerasimov, who spent much of his career as a working journalist, first attracting attention when he became Washington bureau chief of the Novosti news agency. It was then that he came into close contact with Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, the former ambassador now closely involved with the shake-up in the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

After a spell as vice-president of the world-wide Novosti operation, Mr Gerasimov was moved three years ago to re-vamp the *Moscow News*, and transform it into one of the chief weapons of Soviet propaganda in the English-speaking world, as well as the vehicle for some occasional journalistic scoops.

Under the re-organisation his new post takes in the old press department — responsible for dealing with journalists — and the information department, which deals with communications with embassies abroad. Because of the regular briefings, which are now an institution for the large Moscow press corps, his tanned face is due for world-wide exposure.

Ever since Mr Gorbachev came to power in March, last year it has been frequently predicted that he would look for public spokesmen in his own image, rather than those left to him by his predecessors. Last week's appointment of Mr Gerasimov is an important step in his campaign to set his seal on all aspects of Soviet policy.

Christopher Walker

Today's events

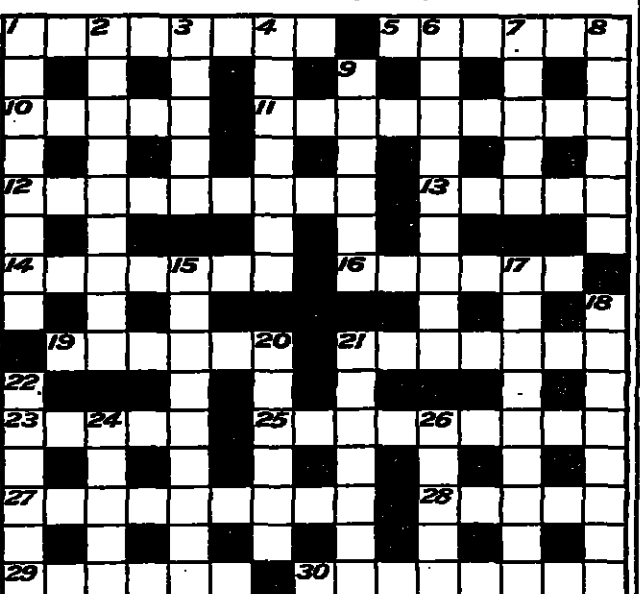
Royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, presents a new Standard to the Gentlemen at Arms, St James's Palace, SW1, 11.30. Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and the Duke of Kent are also present.

The Prince of Wales hosts a lunch for members of the medical and nursing profession concerned with training in relation to the needs of disabled people, Kensington Palace, 1; and later gives a reception for members of the Royal Jubilee Trust's Industry and Commerce Liaison Committee and other representatives of the business world who support the work of the Trust, Kensington Palace, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,093

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 30 per cent of the competitors at the 1986 Bristol regional final of the Collins Dictionary Times Crossword Championship.



- ACROSS
- Such rates are less than sound in the charter business (8).
 - Cricketer side's opener played badly (3-3).
 - Maxwellton girl urged to arm herself (5).
 - Injuries received in turning over? (3-6).
 - Bird pronounced a migrant, perhaps (9).
 - A self-collected invalid (5).
 - Two requirements for tennis game played by girls (7).
 - Man in a boat, a sort of pilot (6).
 - Dramatic technique seen in Hamlet's madness (6).
 - A couple of pieces providing little work for actor (3-4).
 - As pale as a bird on the Nile (5).
 - Artisan caught Huckleberry Finn, for example (9).
 - Employ a star for dance (5-4).
 - Sounds like trustworthy bank in Cornwall (6).
 - This religious belief is held by our opponents (6).
 - A bit like West Ham — nothing special (8).
- DOWN
- Switching Times finally to new site (8).
 - Highland engagement for bold soldier (3-6).
 - Audible antipathy in this music-hall (5).
 - Criminal sweetheart embraced by bad girl (7).
 - Van driver's warning on promenade (9).
 - One in exaltation turns up round a village in Africa (5).
 - Servile types have a point in republic (3-3).
 - Drink triple gin, initially, with one rum (3-3).
 - City men including Tim on meager (9).
 - A bit of pitch putting end to opening (4-5).
 - Refuse to agree to project (5-3).
 - Who's this on TV? No. in film (6).
 - Supporter opposed to a party blustering (7).
 - Poor performer's chatter (6).
 - Misuse a very good person in partnership (5).
 - Needed by claimant? It legally is (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,092

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Books — hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week

Against All Hope, The Prison Memoirs of Armando Valladares, translated by Andrew Hurley (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95)

The Blessings of a Good Thick Skin, Women Travellers and Their World, by Mary Russell (Collins, £12.95)

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The Western Atlas of Maritime History, by Richard Natdell and Antony Preston (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £16.95)

Travels Through the Third World, by Brian M. Schwartz (Siddig & Jackson, £12.95)

New exhibitions

Contemporary Art Now 86: Municipal Museum and Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tisbury Wells; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5 (ends July 29)

Tierra: photographs of Mexico 1900-1935; Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, 22 Richmond St, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4 (ends Aug 23)

Musée: Proms '86: Concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Birmingham Town Hall, 7.30

Concert by the Purcell School Chamber Orchestra, The Pump Room, Bath, 8

Organ recital by Alan Buchan, St Andrew and St George, George St, Edinburgh, 1

Organ recital by Peter Backhouse, St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Pl, Edinburgh, 8

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Town Hall, Cheltenham, 8

Piano duo recital by Rene Wierman and Michael Aston, Clothworkers Hall, Leeds, 8

Concert by Bournemouth Sinfonietta, Colston Hall, Bristol, 7.30

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Salisbury Cathedral, 7.30

Organ recital by Michael Harris, Bridlington Priory, 7.30

Concert by the Orchestra Philharmonique des Pays de la Loire, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30

Organ recital by Jane Watts, Lichfield Cathedral, 1

Concert by the Wensum Boys Choir, Cawston Parish Church, 7.30

Handel in Oxford Festival: Concert by the Holywell Band; University Church, Oxford, 1; Handel's *Messiah* with the Choir of Magdalen College and the English Concert; Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, 7

Concert by the Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School, 1.30; Organ recital by Roy Massey, 7.30; Hereford Cathedral.

Royal Tournament

The 1986 Royal Tournament, the annual display by the armed forces, opens today at Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Rd, SW5, and runs until Sunday, July 12. The high point of each festival evening is an open-air orchestral concert performed on the festival's floating stage.

Tonight the festival starts with a recital by the Trio Zingara, 7 pm, a concert by the City of London Sinfonia on the floating stage, 8.30 pm, and a lawn tickets are still available. For further details contact the Henley Festival Box Office tel (0491) 575751/575834.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on supplementary benefits and on promotion of tourism.

Lords (2.30): Gas Bill, report, third day.

The pound

	Bank	Bank
Australia \$	2.25	2.25
Canada \$	2.25	2.25
Denmark kr	2.18	2.18
France F	6.55	6.55
Germany DM	2.36	2.36
Italy Lira	2036	2036
Japan Yen	239.00	239.00
Netherlands Gld	2.36	2.36
Norway Kr	11.88	11.88
Portugal Esc	204.84	204.84
South Africa R	4.80	4.80
Spain Ptas	166.64	166.64
Sweden Kr	11.22	11.22
Switzerland Fr	2.04	2.04
USA \$	1.60	1.60
Yugoslavia Dnr	615.00	615.00

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Retail Price Index: 386.0

London: The FT Index closed down 30.1 at 1317.7.

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Anniversaries

Births: Ann Radcliffe, novelist of the Gothic genre, London, 1764; Ottorino Respighi, composer, Bologna, 1879

Deaths: The Norfolk, 1822; Resurrection, on each day of our unique set of eight numbers, starting with the number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1317.7 (-30.1)
FT-SE 100
1599.0 (-32.0)
Bargains
32750
USM (Datastream)
R/a

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.5335 (-0.0010)
W German mark
3.3435 (-0.0044)
Trade-weighted
75.9 (+0.1)

Boost for
pit areas

The Government has again doubled its funding for the British Coal subsidiary set up to encourage new businesses in the coal-mining areas and has set a target of creating 10,000 job opportunities this year.

British Coal Enterprise now has £40 million to provide loans and management help to small and medium-sized companies in areas which have been affected by pit closures. The organization was launched in 1984 with £5 million funding and its budget has since increased to £10 million, £20 million and now £40 million. It has helped 69 business projects to get off the ground with the creation of 8,228 jobs.

Trust placing

St David's Investment Trust is coming to the stock market via a placing by L Messel and Williams de Broer Hill Chaplin of 1.5 million capital shares at 75p and 1.5 million income shares at 113p.

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Unilock debut

Hongkong Bank is bringing Unilock Holdings, supplier of home and office partitioning materials, to the market by way of a placing of 4.2 million shares at 63p each, valuing the company at £1.8 million.

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Profits double

Triplex, the engineering company, doubled its pretax profits from £620,000 to £1.28 million in the year to 31 March. Turnover rose from £26.7 million to £31 million, with final dividend at 2p, up from 0.75p.

Heron record

Heron International, the property and investment company, made record pretax profits of £40.3 million in the year ended March 31, compared with £32.5 million in the same period last time.

Golden Counts

Counts, the banker, has launched a gold Mastercard for its clients. It costs a little more than other gold cards - £60 against £50 - but has better perks. In particular, it provides £1 million cover for emergency medical and dental treatment when travelling abroad.

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Correction

We wish to correct any suggestion in our article on Monday that shares in Chelsea Man were left with the underwriters: the shares have been taken up by places and the shares are trading at premium to the placing price.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	1817.35 (+21.65)
Dow Jones	1817.35 (+21.65)
Tokyo	17734.15 (+20.08)
Nikkei Dow	17734.15 (+20.08)
Hong Kong	1752.24 (-9.28)
Hang Seng	289.5 (-3.8)
Amsterdam Gen	1125.2 (-11.0)
Sydney: AO	1125.2 (-11.0)
Frankfurt	1822.8 (+8.1)
Commerzbank	1822.8 (+8.1)
Brisbane	748.88 (same)
General	386.1 (-6.5)
Paris: CAC	386.1 (-6.5)
Zurich	522.40 (same)
SKA General	522.40 (same)
London closing prices	Page 25

GOLD

London Fixing	AM \$345.50 pm \$347.85
Close	\$347.00-347.50 (\$225.75-226.25)
New York	Comex \$347.50-348.00

INTEREST RATES

London:	Bank Base: 10%
	3-month Interbank 10 1/8-9 1/8%
	3-month eligible bills 9 1/8-9 1/8%
	buying rate:
	Prime Rate 8.50%
	Federal Funds 6 1/8%
	3-month Treasury 5.50-5.88%
	30-year bonds 10 1/8-11 1/8%

BSC makes
first profit
in 10 yearsBy Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

The British Steel Corporation has made its first "real" profit for a decade. After meeting all charges, including tax and bank interest, the group earned £38 million compared with a loss of £383 million in 1984-85.

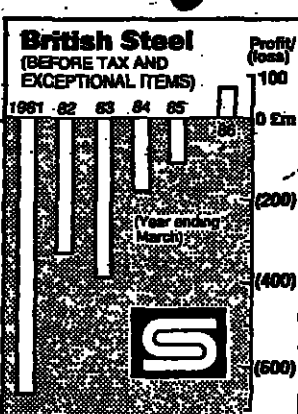
The operating profit, after interest but before tax and exceptional items, was £76 million. BSC last made a post-tax profit, totalling £28 million, in 1974-75, its biggest loss since then, of £1.8 billion, occurred in 1979-80.

The dramatic turnaround in the fortunes of BSC, which follows 10 years of big job losses and nearly £7 billion of Government subsidy, means the corporation has exceeded the target set by the Government of producing an operating profit after interest.

While the result, which also sees BSC free of state subsidy, will be welcomed by the Government, Mr Robert Scholey, BSC's chairman and chief executive, has made clear that a sustained profit of at least £200 million a year will be necessary to fund the group's continuing modernization programme and to rebuild confidence before wholesale privatization.

He warned that the corporation's "configuration" was still not ideal, raising once again the prospect of another steel plant closure.

The 1985-86 result puts the seat on a six-year period that has seen the corporation's operating results improve by £700-million.



BSC is now more productive and more profitable than many of its European counterparts. Of the major producers, only BSC Thyssen (West Germany), Hoogovens (Holland), ARBED (Luxembourg) and Hoersch (West Germany), are reckoned to have returned to profit.

British Steel made 14 million tonnes of liquid steel last year and ranks in the world's top four producers. The cost of success has been heavy: widespread closures have reduced BSC's workforce from 225,000 in 1974 to fewer than 50,000, and in the last 10 years the corporation's accumulated losses, before exceptional items including redundancy payments, has totalled £3.23 billion.

Now, with most of its peripheral businesses privatized under the Phoenix programme, which has meant the sale of £592 million of assets and £80 million of property in the last six years, BSC is able

to concentrate on adding more value to basic steel.

The trend, says Mr Scholey, is for Third World countries to make primary steel and for Europe to apply the finishing touches. He sees no reason why that will not continue to accelerate.

Productivity at British Steel works, which are still being subjected to expensive modernization projects, is also increasing, although Mr Scholey conceded there remained "some way to go" before BSC could match the best in the world.

BSC productivity this year is about 6 man hours per tonne against 16 man hours per tonne in 1977-78.

This is underscored by more settled industrial relations.

In the annual report published yesterday, Mr Scholey says: "The challenge now facing us is clear. In a world of excess capacity, and with Third World countries still developing new and frequently highly subsidized facilities, only the best and most efficient of the world's steelmakers, in terms of quality and cost, will survive."

BSC, whose relatively high domestic prices have caused it to face an import onslaught, has launched a new strategy aimed at capturing a bigger share of what it hopes will be an unfettered European market, and there is the possibility of joint investment projects with other producers. BSC has just 2 per cent of Continental steel sales.

£M3 growth slows but
Bank stays cautious

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

There was a marked slowdown in money supply growth last month. The sterling M3 money measure increased by 1.25 per cent. But the increase was large enough to ensure continued Bank of England caution on interest rates.

The 1.25 per cent sterling M3 rise in banking June followed three larger increases, including a 3 per cent increase in May. The 12-month rate of growth fell from 19.5 per cent in May, to 18.25 per cent last month.

Annualized growth over the latest three months fell from 39 per cent to 33.5 per cent. However, the figures included a £2.1 billion bank lending rise, bigger than the £1.9 billion average for the previous six months.

The money markets reacted to the figures by marking up period rates slightly. Gilt-edged stocks fell by more than a point.

The public sector borrowing requirement was underfunded by £0.4 billion.

So far this year, there has been underfunding of £1.4 billion in total. The Chancellor aims to fund the PSBR exactly over the whole financial year and some analysts expect a stepping up of gilt

Dow fall continues

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street stocks opened lower yesterday then fell sharply after Monday's record 61-point decline.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 29.38 points by early afternoon to 1,809.62 despite a short-lived mid-morning rally.

Declining shares led advancing issues by 10-to-1. By mid afternoon the broader Standard & Poor's composite index was down 3.94 at 240.31.

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Broker to
buy estate
agents

By Clare Dobie

Hogg Robinson Group, the insurance broker and holiday company, yesterday announced plans to buy up to 60 estate agents as a first step to building up a financial services arm.

The move follows Prudential Assurance's announcement of its intention to build up a nationwide network of estate agents, and similar expansion plans by Lloyds Bank and others.

Hogg Robinson plans to sell mortgages, endowment policies, life cover and personal insurance policies, as well as property through its new estate agents. In time it may combine estate agencies with its larger travel agents.

The company also announced its results for the year to March 31, showing pretax profits up from £14.2 million to £17.4 million, on turnover up from £87.9 million to £127 million. The final dividend is 5.2p, taking the total to 9.6p, up from 8p.

The insurance broking business increased profits from £8.8 million to £10.3 million, helped by a change in the status of Republic Hogg Robinson from a 50 per cent-owned associate to a 100 per cent-owned subsidiary.

The travel and financial services businesses increased combined profits from £5.8 million to £7.0 million.

The Lloyd's managing agencies, Janson Green and Gardner Mountain & Capel-Cure, contributed £3 million, up from £2.6 million.



Bruce Gyngell: emphasis on news will continue

USM debut values
TV-am at £42m

By Alison Eadie

TV-am, the independent breakfast television company, is coming to the unlisted securities market through an offer for sale which values it at £42.4 million.

Kleinwort Benson, the sponsoring bank, has resisted any temptation, created by the resounding success of the Thames TV offer-for-sale, to pitch the price too high. An offer price of 130p is viewed as reasonable in the City and, assuming the stock market does not continue to crash, a healthy premium is expected when the shares start trading on July 23.

The company has forecast it will make taxable profits of not less than £7.5 million in the year to January 31 1987 compared with £4.8 million in 1985-86 and losses of £12.2 million in 1983-84. Its share of the breakfast viewing market has risen from a low of 15 per cent in 1983 to around 62 per cent today, which adds up to 12.5 million viewers a week.

Mr Timothy Aitken, non-executive chairman, said yesterday that TV-am will have an exciting story to tell over the next three years as the dramatic turnaround of the past three years.

The turnaround has come in part through taking the programming downmarket. There is also a much greater emphasis on live news and the company has several exclusives to its credit. The emphasis on news will continue, said Mr Bruce Gyngell, the managing director, yesterday.

The company's recent success owes much to its appeal to advertisers: National coverage and 58 per cent young housewife viewers are strong attractions for food and consumer product companies.

TV-am's advertising was 51.2 per cent ahead in April and 49.8 per cent in May, compared with the same months of the previous year. It still charges less for advertising than ITV and reckons it will be another two years before its rates catch up.

The company is raising no new money for itself and over 90 per cent of the shares are being sold by United Newspapers. The offer of 12.2 million shares represents 37.3 per cent of the issued share capital.

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Granada set to
sell videos
and televisions

By Cliff Feltham

Granada, the television to motorway services group, is poised to become a major force in high street retailing.

It is to launch a multi-million pound spending programme so that by the autumn more than 550 of its stores will be ready to start selling televisions and videos side by side with the rental operation.

The move could lead to a fierce price cutting war with established retailers such as Dixons.

Mr Alex Bernstein, the Granada chairman, said yesterday: "We intend to be very competitive. If we are successful then we will consider selling other electrical goods."

Granada, which has nearly 2 million rental customers, took the decision to sell goods throughout its chain after testing the market at 40 of its shops in Scotland.

One reason for the move is that the market for colour television rental is dropping at the rate of 4 to 5 per cent a year as prices of sets fall and more customers are able to buy their own.

Granada, which yesterday reported a 40 per cent rise in half-time profits, has emerged as a more forceful company since the Rank Organisation launched an unsuccessful bid earlier this year.

Since then Granada lined up a deal to buy Woolworth's electrical discount chain Comet from Dixons but that fell through when Dixons' offer collapsed.

Mr Bernstein also revealed yesterday that he had spoken to Hanson Trust about buying



Alex Bernstein: still looking for an acquisition

some of the Imperial Group hotel and restaurant assets now likely to be sold to Trusthouse Forte. He pulled out because the price was too high.

However, he is still looking round for another deal in

place of the Comet acquisition. Yesterday's results show that profits before tax were 40 per cent higher at £39.2 million with earnings a share up by 72 per cent from 5.4p to 9.3p. The interim dividend is raised by 20 per cent to 3.04p a share.

Mr Bernstein said: "These results represent a major breakthrough in profitability, resulting from the substantial investment that we have made over the last few years."

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Lloyd's helps names
to stay in business

By Our City Staff

Lloyd's names on loss-making PCW syndicates will hear today that Lloyd's will provide the assets needed to cover the net losses of the syndicates as declared at the end of 1985.

This will enable names who wish to continue underwriting to pass the solvency test, which assesses whether names have sufficient means to meet their obligations.

The size of the losses has not yet been revealed, but it should be known in another two weeks. Lloyd's has also not revealed how it will provide the assets. It is expected that it will earmark the central fund, which is a policyholders' protection fund.

The fund stood at £211.5 million at the end of December, 1985, which did not take into account the earmarking

of £64.8 million against it largely to meet unpaid PCW losses of 1984.

PCW losses, as declared at the end of December, 1985, are expected to rise to around £200 million compared with the discounted figure of £62 million used the previous year.

Sir Ian Morrow, chairman of AU33, the agency which acts for the PCW names, wrote yesterday to names explaining that, although Lloyd's will provide the assets to meet the claims, it will not relieve names of their individual liabilities.

If sums are drawn in cash from the "solvency asset," Sir Ian wrote, "we understand that Lloyd's will seek repayment from the names."

The arrangements are still subject to approval by the council of Lloyd's.

£50m LET
shop plan

London & Edinburgh Trust, the fast-growing property trading company, plans to build a £50 million, 350,000 sq ft shopping gallery in the centre of Reading.

LET already has consent for 350,000 sq ft of offices on the site, the former Courage Brewery, which it bought last year, but wants to switch to retail development.

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Court's compensation ruling
clouds British Gas sale

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The failure of the European Court of Human Rights to support the £455 million claim for compensation by former owners of nationalized shipbuilding and aircraft companies is likely to sour the reception of British Gas when it is floated on the Stock Exchange this autumn and any other privatization issues between now and the next general election.

City institutions yesterday had some private sympathy with the charge by Sir William Lithgow, who was claiming as a shareholder in John G. Kincaid, that the Government's successful defence of the Labour nationalization terms was the biggest own goal in recent political history.

The judgment follows immediately on the revelation of likely Labour plans to regain government control of British Telecom and Cable and Wire-

less, which led the BT share price to fall 18p to 198p on Monday.

Although not fully decided, these are likely to involve three stages. A Labour government would use the remaining state shareholding and regulatory powers to take immediate control. BT would reassert its monopoly by buying Cable and Wireless or its Mercury subsidiary. Outside BT shareholders would then either have their shares bought at the privatization price or converted into non-voting loans or similar securities.

The ruling of the Human Rights Court leaves governments with wide discretion over setting compensation terms.

The judgment said: "The standard of compensation required in a nationalization case might, provided that fair

balance was preserved, be different from that required in regard to other takings of property."

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RENOLD

An international
engineering groupSummary of Results
for the year ended 29th March 1986

	1986	1985
	£m	£m
Turnover	129.9	121.4
Trading Profit	100	9.1
Profit before Tax	7.6	4.5
Profit for the year	5.2	3.1
Earnings per Share	8.0p	6.7p
Dividend per Share	2.0p	-

Extract from the Statement by
Sir Campbell Adamson CHAIRMAN RENOLD PLC

Renold made a further considerable increase in profitability during 1985/6 and continued progress in improving stock turnover and reducing the borrowings ratio. Group profit before tax increased by 69%, but this includes an exceptional non-recurring receipt of £1.3 million arising from an overfunded pension scheme in the USA. As a result of increased efficiency throughout the organisation, further increases in margins and reductions in borrowings are expected. A final dividend of 1.3p is proposed, making 2.0p for the year as a whole.

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Portfolio
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From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won a prize. If it is higher, you are a winner. If it is lower, you are a loser. Follow the money claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or Loss
1	Watts	Building Roads	
2	Whitbread	Breweries	
3	W.C. Instruments	Electricals	
4	Colson (St)	Drugs/Stores	
5	Fisher (Alb)	Foodstuffs	
6	Mellor (Ch)	Hotels/Caterers	
7	AAH	Industrials A-D	
8	Resmor	Industrials A-D	
9	Smith & Nephew	Industrials A-D	
10	Horizon Travel	Industrials S-Z	
11	Com Union	Insurance	
12	Benchmark	Bank/Discount	
13	Hickson	Chemicals/Plas	
14	Marley	Building Roads	
15	Bentalls	Drugs/Stores	
16	Whitworth Elect	Electricals	
17	GECC	Electricals	
18	Time Products	Drugs/Stores	
19	Stakis	Hotels/Caterers	
20	Nurdin & Peacock	Foodstuffs	
21	Grampian Hldgs	Industrials E-K	
22	Unigrip	Industrials S-Z	
23	Im Leisure	Leisure	
24	LDV	Industrials L-R	
25	Smith Ind	Industrials S-Z	
26	Savoy Hotels	Hotels/Caterers	
27	Charmant Pl	Industrials A-D	
28	Eastern Prod	Industrials A-D	
29	Deek	Industrials A-D	
30	Assoc Fisheries	Foodstuffs	
31	Top Top Drug	Drugs/Stores	
32	Cory (Horse)	Chemicals/Plas	
33	Barton	Drugs/Stores	
34	Marston Thompson	Breweries	
35	Arwoods	Building Roads	
36	Milind	Insurance	
37	Hillards	Foodstuffs	
38	Peck	Industrials L-R	
39	Kalamazoo	Industrials E-K	
40	UIE	Electricals	
41	Millets Leisure	Leisure	
42	Basett Foods	Foodstuffs	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8.000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities sharply lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 30. Dealings end on Friday. \$Contango day next Monday. Settlement day July 21. \$Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

BREWERIES

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A copy of this document, which contains listing particulars with regard to St David's Investment Trust PLC (the "Company") given in compliance with The Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984, has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies as required by those Regulations. Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for all of the Capital Shares of 25p each and all of the Income Shares of 25p each of the Company issued and now being issued to be admitted to the Official List.

The directors of the Company (the "Directors"), whose names appear below are the persons responsible for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

ST. DAVID'S INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

(Incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985 Registered number 300086)

PLACING

by

L. MESSEL & CO.

and

WILLIAMS DE BROË HILL CHAPLIN
& COMPANY LIMITED

of

1,500,000 Capital Shares of 25p each at 75p per share

and

1,500,000 Income Shares of 25p each at 113p per share

SHARE CAPITAL

		Issued and to be issued fully paid
Authorised		
£1,025,000	in 4,100,000 Capital Shares of 25p each	£1,025,000
£1,025,000	in 4,100,000 Income Shares of 25p each	£1,025,000
£2,050,000		£2,050,000

INDEBTEDNESS

On 30th June 1986 the Company did not have outstanding any loan capital (whether issued or created but unused), term loans or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing (including bank overdrafts and liabilities under acceptance

credits or hire purchase commitments), mortgages, charges or guarantees or other contingent liabilities, except for the contingent liability referred to in note 9 of the Accountants' Report.

KEY INFORMATION

The information summarised below should be read in conjunction with the full text of this document from which it is derived.

	Capital Shares	Income Shares
Number of Shares in issue following the Placing	4,100,000	4,100,000
Price per Share	75p	113p
Assets per Share	104p	100p
Proposed special interim dividend payable in October 1986 for the four months ending 31st July 1986	nil	1.5p
Projected aggregate dividends for the year ending 31st July 1987	nil	6.8p
Prospective gross dividend yield at the Placing price based on the projected dividend	nil	8.48 per cent.

*Assets per Capital Share are calculated by reference to the net assets of the Company at 31st March 1986 and the net proceeds of the Placing. The FT-Accruals All-Share Index stood at 810.48 on 27th March 1986 and at 816.09 on 4th July 1986 (the last practicable date before the printing of this document).

DEFINITIONS

"Asset Managers"	Asset Managers PLC
"Capital Share"	a Capital Share of 25p in the capital of the Company
"Income Share"	an Income Share of 25p in the capital of the Company
"Company" or "St. David's"	St. David's Investment Trust PLC
"Directors" or "Board"	the board of directors of the Company
"Placing"	this placing of Capital Shares and Income Shares
"Share"	a Capital Share or an Income Share
"Messel"	L. Messel & Co.
"Williams de Broë"	Williams de Broë Hill Chaplin & Company Limited
"Sponsors"	Messel and Williams de Broë

ST. DAVID'S INVESTMENT TRUST PLC

INTRODUCTION

The Company was incorporated in 1935 under the name Pegler Estate Limited to administer the finances of the Pegler family. It originally took over assets, securities and property left in trust by William Pegler (senior) including interests in the retail and wholesale grocery businesses which he had founded. These businesses were finally disposed of in 1955, by which time the retail business had expanded to some 60 shops throughout South Wales. The proceeds were then invested in further securities, and the assets of the Company now comprise quoted investments and cash. For more than 30 years the Company has enjoyed a history of successful investment. Throughout that period and until the recent appointments to the Board in anticipation of the Placing, all of the Directors have been members of the Pegler family. Advised by Williams de Broë and its predecessor firms, they have been responsible for the growth of the net assets of the Company from £424,000 in 1956 to £5,785,000 in 1986. The growth in net asset value during the last five years is demonstrated by the following table:

	31st March	£
1981		2,374,000
1982		2,464,000
1983		3,063,000
1984		3,372,000
1985		4,476,000
1986		5,785,000

The Directors have now decided to seek a listing for the Company's Shares on The Stock Exchange and to increase the already substantial portfolio by placing new shares with outside investors. They intend to conduct the affairs of the Company so that it will qualify as an investment trust for taxation purposes. They consider that it is now appropriate for the Company's investments to be professionally managed and have accordingly appointed Asset Managers as manager of the portfolio on a day to day basis. Apart from the shares now being placed, all of the Company's shares are held by Pegler family interests. Two members of the family remain on the Board.

THE COMPANY STRUCTURE

Split Level Trust Companies

St. David's is a split level investment trust company. Such companies have two classes of share in issue, income shares and capital shares, which are traded separately on The Stock Exchange. They have been an accepted investment vehicle for over 20 years. The basic concept is that some investors are seeking income whilst others are seeking capital gain. In separating the two investment aims and allocating the returns to the investors who value them most, these companies give maximum benefit in fulfilling the investment objectives of two different types of investor. Income shareholders enjoy the additional income from the funds contributed by the capital shareholders. Capital shareholders have the potential benefit of the larger capital base through the funds contributed by the income shareholders. Because these companies have defined lives, capital shareholders can be confident that their shares will achieve their full asset value in the foreseeable future.

St. David's

The Company has been structured to fill a special role within the split level investment trust sector. This is for a company with a quality portfolio having a gross yield approximately in line with the market average. This offers holders of Income Shares the potential for a substantial dividend return without the sacrifices of investment quality and income growth potential generally associated with high yielding securities. The portfolio will also offer a significant potential capital appreciation to the holders of the Capital Shares. This objective will be pursued through a portfolio of investments with good growth prospects, and with a target prospective gross yield for the year ending 31st July 1987 of approximately 5.8 per cent.

Income Shares

The holders of the Income Shares will be entitled to the whole of the net income of the Company. Since this will arise from a portfolio of approximately twice the amount of their own contribution, they will receive a high initial yield, with prospects of substantial growth. Upon liquidation they will be entitled to receive the sum of £1 per share plus all undistributed income.

Capital Shares

The holders of the Capital Shares will participate in any changes in the capital value of the whole portfolio and at the termination of the Company's life will receive all monies which are left after the rights of the holders of the Income Shares have been satisfied.

Duration

The Company has an intended life of 8 years after which it will be wound up unless an extension resolution is passed annually (as described in paragraph 2(3) of Statutory and General Information). The limited life of the Company ensures that shareholders will have the opportunity to realise the full value of their investment in the Company on a short to medium term horizon and that the holders of the Capital Shares, in particular, will be able to realise the benefit of capital growth.

Voting Rights

On a resolution to extend the life of the Company only the holders of the Capital Shares are entitled to vote. Certain matters (listed in paragraph 2(1)(d) of Statutory and General Information) require the class consent of the holders of each class of shares or of the Capital Shares. On all other matters there are no differences in the voting rights of the two classes of shares, and each share carries one vote.

DIVIDENDS

Dates

Dividends will amount to at least 85 per cent. of income available for distribution in each accounting period. It is intended that a special dividend of 1.5 pence net will be paid in October 1986 to the holders of the Income Shares, including those Income Shares allotted under the Placing, in respect of the four month period to 31st July 1986. Thereafter dividends will be paid twice yearly in March and October each year, the first to be paid in March 1987 (being the interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31st July 1987).

Projection

Based on the dividend income which the Directors expect from the portfolio, and the estimated gross yield obtainable on the types of investment in which it is intended to invest the net proceeds of the Placing, the Directors expect that dividends totalling 6.8 pence net per Income Share should be payable for the year ending 31st July 1987 which, at a Placing Price of 113 pence, gives a gross yield of 8.48 per cent. to holders of Income Shares from a portfolio whose basic prospective gross yield is targeted at approximately 5.9 per cent.

ACCOUNTING DATE

The Company has recently altered its accounting reference date from 31st March to 31st July. The change has been made to enable the Company to satisfy the conditions necessary to qualify as an investment trust within the meaning of Section 399 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (as amended) from 1st August 1986. Accounts for the four months to 31st July 1986 will be prepared and laid before the members in general meeting.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The Directors intend to meet the requirements of the holders of both classes of shares by creating a UK-based investment portfolio designed to achieve above average capital appreciation combined with growing income. They believe that this objective can best be met by investing in a cross-section of growth stocks, recovery stocks, special situations and new issues. Investment in fixed interest securities with no equity element will be minimal unless circumstances change sufficiently to make this form of investment more desirable.

It is intended to realign parts of the existing portfolio with a view to increasing its underlying yield without damaging growth prospects.

As at 31st June 1986, the Company's portfolio assets were fully invested and the market value of the Company's investment portfolio was £5,723,675. The following analyses illustrate the spread of the Company's portfolio of investments prior to the Placing—

1. Broad geographical analysis by value based on country of incorporation of companies:	2. The portfolio consists of:	%
	Fixed income securities	3.10
	Convertible securities	1.96
	Equity	95.24
United Kingdom		94.14
Australia		2.78
North America		1.65
Europe		1.43
		100.00

3. Analysis of the portfolio by broad industrial and commercial sectors:

	£000	£000	%	%
Capital Goods				
Building materials & contracting	200.7		3.51	
Electricals & electronics	310.3		5.42	
Engineering & materials	374.9		6.55	
		885.9		15.48
Consumer Group				
Brewers & distillers	248.8		4.34	
Food & healthcare	247.2		4.32	
Stores	717.8		12.54	
Others	212.7		3.72	
		1,426.5		24.92
Other Groups				
Chemicals	194.3		3.40	
Shipping & transport	151.4		2.64	
Oils	257.3		4.50	
Miscellaneous	234.4		4.09	
		837.4		14.63
Financial Group				
Banks	333.8		5.84	
Insurance	240.7		4.21	
Property & miscellaneous	74.4		1.30	
Investment trusts	1,306.3		22.82	
Mining finance	78.5		1.37	
Overseas traders	78.7		1.37	
		2,112.4		36.91
Unit trusts		283.9		4.96
British Funds		177.6		3.10
		5,723.7		100.00

4. The following is a list of the largest portfolio investments by value.

	£000	%
Marks & Spencer	610	10.7
BTR	190	3.3
Shell Transport & Trading	189	3.3
TR Technology Investment Trust	168	2.9
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	148	2.6
Guinness	142	2.5
B.A.T. Industries	134	2.3
Imperial Chemical Industries	134	2.3
Guardian Royal Exchange	123	2.1
Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust	111	1.9
Racal Electronics	107	1.9
Grand Metropolitan	106	1.8
European Ferries Group	98	1.7
Boots Company	95	1.7
Tor Investment Trust	91	1.6
General Electric Company	90	1.6
RMG Group	89	1.6
C.T. Japan & General Unit Trust	83	1.4
Fleming Far Eastern Investment Trust	79	1.4
Scottish Mortgage & Trust	79	1.4
	2,876	50.2

DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

Directors	John Lionel Pegler (Chairman)	Queen's Chambers 2 North Street Newport Gwent NP23 1JZ
	Karen Jane Roberts	Queen's Chambers 2 North Street Newport Gwent NP23 1JZ
	Brian Banks	Plantation House Fenchurch Street London EC3M 3DX
	Michael Edward Ransupp Allsopp	Queen's Chambers 2 North Street Newport Gwent NP23 1JZ
Secretary and Registered Office	Roland W. Arthur Solicitor	Queen's Chambers 2 North Street Newport Gwent NP23 1JZ
Joint Sponsors and Stockbrokers	L. Messel & Co. Williams de Broë Hill Chaplin & Company Limited	1 Finsbury Avenue London EC2M 2QE Pimlico Hall Austin Friars London EC2P 2HS
Investment Managers	Asset Managers PLC	Plantation House Fenchurch Street London EC3M 3DX
Solicitors to the Company and to the Placing	D.J. Freeman & Co.	43 Fetter Lane London EC4A 1NA
Auditors and Reporting Accountants	Arthur Andersen & Co. Chartered Accountants	1 Surrey Street London WC2R 2PS
Bankers	Midland Bank plc Lloyds Bank plc	1 Bridge Street Newport, Gwent NP23 4UT 111 Old Broad Street London EC2N 1AV
Registrars and transfer office	Ravensbourne Registration Services Limited	Bouling House 34 Beckenham Road Beckenham Kent BR3 4TU

It is emphasised that as a result of the Placing and the realignment of parts of the existing portfolio referred to above, the above analyses will alter. The Company does not anticipate any need of borrowing facilities. Under its Articles of Association, borrowings are limited to an amount equal to five per cent. of the share capital of the Company and consolidated reserves of the Company and any subsidiaries. Certain investment policy criteria are set out in paragraph 10 of Statutory and General Information.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

The Directors will be responsible for the determination of the Company's investment policy. The Company has appointed Asset Managers to conduct the day-to-day management of the Company's portfolio, in compliance with the Company's investment policy, on a fully discretionary basis. Asset Managers' appointment is for a period of three years, and is then to be terminable on three months' notice by either party. The contract provides for a quarterly management fee equal to one-eighth per cent. of the value of the Company's portfolio payable in arrears. Further details of the management agreement are set out in paragraph 5 of Statutory and General Information.

Asset Managers is a wholly owned subsidiary of Asset Trust PLC, which is a listed company. Mr. Brian Banks is Managing Director of both Asset Trust PLC and Asset Managers. Mr. Banks is an experienced fund manager of considerable reputation, and will be personally responsible on behalf of Asset Managers for the management of the Company's portfolio.

DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

The following are the Directors of the Company, all of whom are non-executive: John Pegler, the Chairman, is aged 61. He was at Oxford University where he graduated in chemistry, and his career has been mainly as a research chemist. He has been a director of the Company since 1958.

Karen Roberts is the other family director of the Company. Aged 35, she has a degree in art and design and is a teacher and adult education tutor. She has been a director of the Company since 1977.

Brian Banks is aged 48, and is the Managing Director of Asset Trust PLC. He has had more than twenty years experience in the investment field. He became Managing Director of Britannia Arrow Holdings Plc in 1976 where he was responsible for the management of substantial unit trust funds and for other financial services. In 1978 he founded Tower Fund Managers Limited (later Dunbar Fund Managers Limited). There he was responsible for the investment policy of some £120 million of client funds. In 1983 he founded Culchall Investment Management Limited, ("Culchall") an investment management company, which is licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry to deal in securities. Culchall was acquired by Asset Trust PLC in January 1986 and is now known as Asset Managers.

Michael Allsopp, aged 55, has recently retired as Chairman of Allied Dunbar & Company PLC, a financial services company. He is Chairman of Baronsmead Venture Capital PLC and is a past Chairman of the London Discount Market Association. Brian Banks and Michael Allsopp were both appointed to the Board on 7th July 1986.

TAXATION

General

The following general information is based on the law and practice currently in force in the United Kingdom. If a potential investor is in any doubt about the tax consequences of his acquiring, holding or disposing of Capital Shares or Income Shares, he should seek advice from his own professional advisers.

The Company

The Directors intend to manage the affairs of the Company so that it will qualify as an investment trust within the meaning of Section 399 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970 (as amended) and to apply annually to the Inland Revenue for such approval. A company which is a qualifying investment trust is not liable to corporation tax on capital gains.

The conditions which the Company intends to satisfy from 1986 in order to qualify for investment trust status are broadly as follows:

- (a) the income of the Company will be derived wholly or mainly from shares or securities;
- (b) no holding in a company will at the time of the latest investment in that company represent more than 15 per cent. by value of the Company's investments;
- (c) the distribution as dividend of surpluses on the realisation of investments will be prohibited by the Company's Articles of Association;
- (d) the Company will not retain in respect of any accounting period more than 15 per cent. of its income from shares and securities. The Company will be liable to United Kingdom tax on its net income. Income arising outside the United Kingdom may be subject to foreign taxes at various rates, most usually in the form of a withholding tax, but double taxation relief will generally be available.

Capital Gains Tax

Shareholders in the Company may be liable to United Kingdom capital gains tax arising on the disposal of Capital Shares or Income Shares. The Directors have been advised that for the purposes of taxation of capital gains in the United Kingdom, in the event of a winding up of the Company, the receipt of distributions in the liquidation of the Company by the holders of the Capital Shares and Income Shares would normally give rise to a disposal or part disposal of their shareholdings in the Company. As at 31st March 1986 there are potential tax liabilities in respect of corporation tax on unrealised capital gains on investments of £1,130,000 for the Company. Following the listing of its share capital, the Company intends to seek the approval of the Board of Inland Revenue as an investment trust for tax purposes from 1st August 1986, and as such, the Company will no longer be liable to any corporation tax on capital gains realised after that date.

Dividends

Under current United Kingdom taxation legislation, no tax is withheld on the payment of a dividend, but the Company has to account to the Inland Revenue for an amount of advance corporation tax ("ACT") at a rate which is related to the basic rate of income tax and is currently 12.5% of the dividend paid. Accordingly, the ACT relating to the dividend currently equals 28 per cent. of the sum of the cash dividend plus the ACT. For individual shareholders resident in the United Kingdom the ACT paid is available as a tax credit which individual shareholders who are so resident may set off against their total income tax liability and, in appropriate cases, reclaim in cash. A United Kingdom resident corporate shareholder will not normally be liable to United Kingdom Corporation Tax on any dividend received and will be able to set off the amount of ACT applicable to the dividend received against its own liability to account for ACT on dividends paid on other qualifying distributions. Whether shareholders in the Company who are resident in countries outside the United Kingdom are entitled to payment from the Board of Inland Revenue of any part of the tax credit in respect of dividends on such shares depends in general on the provisions of any double tax convention or agreement which exists between such countries and the United Kingdom. Persons who are not resident in the United Kingdom should consult their own tax advisers as to whether they are entitled to reclaim any part of the tax credit, the procedure for claiming repayment and what relief or credit may be claimed in respect of such tax in the jurisdiction in which they are resident.

SUMMARY

The Directors believe that the Capital Shares are an attractive investment opportunity, geared participation in a quality portfolio. The high gearing should lead to a substantial growth of assets attributable to holders of Capital Shares over the life of the Company. The holders of the Income Shares benefit from the income provided by the assets attributable to both Income and Capital Shares and enjoy a soundly-based high gross yield. Because this yield is achieved without running the risk of investment concentrated in high income securities, the Directors believe that it offers excellent prospects for income growth during the life of the Company.

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The following is a copy of a report received from the Arthur Andersen & Co. Chartered Accountants—8th July 1986

The Directors:
St David's Investment Trust PLC
The Directors:
J. Messel & Co
The Directors:
William de Broe Hill Chaplin
and Company Limited
Dear Sirs

INTRODUCTION

St David's Investment Trust PLC ("the Company") was incorporated and registered in England as a private company on 24th April 1985 as Pegler Investment Trust PLC and was re-registered as a public limited company on 24th April 1986. The financial information for the last five years contained in this report has been prepared on the basis of the accounts of the Company after making principal adjustments as we considered necessary. The 1986 accounts were prepared to restate the 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985 accounts to reflect the market value adjustments at those dates. In these years investments were carried out at historical cost.

Arthur Andersen & Co. have been the auditors of the Company during the period covered by this report. The audit reports of the Company were not qualified for each of these accounting periods. We have examined the balance sheets of the Company as at the end of each of the five years ended 31st March 1986 and the profit and loss accounts and statements of source and application of funds for each of the five years then ended prepared on the basis described in the accounting policies section below in accordance with Auditing Guidelines: Prospectuses and the Reporting Accountant. In our opinion, the financial information set out below, which has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments, gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of each of the five years ended 31st March 1986 and of the

results and source and application of funds for each of the five years then ended. No qualified accounts for the Company have been prepared in respect of any accounting period subsequent to 31st March 1986.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies of the Company are as follows—

- The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments.
- Investments are valued at middle market prices at the balance sheet date.
- The profit and loss account includes income and expenditure of a revenue nature income is credited when receivable and expenses are accounted for on the accrual basis.
- Realised profits and losses of a capital nature are dealt with in a non-distributable capital reserve as required by the Articles of Association. The difference between cost and valuation of investments at the balance sheet date is shown in an unrealised capital reserve.
- Corporation tax is provided on taxable profits, and on profits on the sale of investments, at the current rate. Advance corporation tax payable on dividends paid or provided for in the year is written off except when recoverability against corporation tax payable is considered to be reasonably assured. Credit is taken for advance corporation tax written off in previous years when it is increased against corporation tax payable. No provision is made for deferred taxation on unrealised gains on investments as the liability is not expected to become payable. Deferred taxation on other long term differences is not provided as the amounts involved are immaterial.
- Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in sterling at the exchange rates as of the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year-end are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at the year end. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is reported as an exchange gain or loss in the profit and loss account.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

	Notes	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
Investment income		£ 220,972	£ 191,478	£ 164,112	£ 161,502	£ 145,876
Less: Operating expenses	2	(21,182)	(17,294)	(15,839)	(15,103)	(14,078)
Profit before taxation		199,810	174,184	148,273	146,399	131,798
Taxation	3	(61,864)	(54,464)	(45,910)	(45,870)	(41,202)
Profit after taxation		137,946	119,720	102,363	100,529	90,596
Retained earnings brought forward		4,530	8,210	4,847	4,918	4,822
Less: Dividends paid/payable		(138,000)	(120,000)	(102,000)	(100,500)	(90,500)
Retained earnings carried forward		£ 4,776	£ 4,930	£ 5,210	£ 4,947	£ 4,916
Earnings per share	4	£ 138	£ 120	£ 102	£ 100.50	£ 90.50
Annual dividend per share		£ 138	£ 120	£ 102	£ 100.50	£ 90.50

BALANCE SHEETS

	Notes	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
Fixed Assets		£ 58,901,828	£ 54,822,088	£ 49,038,358	£ 50,095,488	£ 52,506,172
Investments	5					
Current Assets						
Cash at bank, in hand and on deposit		79,922	32,495	9,371	56,821	20,842
Debtors		4,702	2,240	3,323	3,454	628
		84,624	34,735	12,694	60,275	21,471
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(101,750)	(80,371)	(78,567)	(82,388)	(63,427)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(17,140)	(45,636)	(65,873)	(7,887)	(41,956)
Net assets		£ 58,784,688	£ 54,476,452	£ 52,972,485	£ 50,087,601	£ 52,464,216
Capital and reserves						
Share capital	7	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Reserves		£ 5,778,922	£ 4,470,922	£ 3,966,273	£ 3,057,598	£ 2,458,286
Profit and loss account		4,776	4,930	5,210	4,947	4,916
Total capital employed		£ 57,794,688	£ 4,476,452	£ 3,972,485	£ 3,063,537	£ 2,464,216

STATEMENTS OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

	Notes	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
Source of Funds						
Profit for the year before taxation		£ 199,810	£ 174,184	£ 148,273	£ 146,399	£ 131,798
Proceeds on disposal of investments		51,281	220,701	85,276	191,333	75,564
		£ 251,101	£ 394,885	£ 234,549	£ 337,732	£ 207,462
Application of Funds						
Purchase of investments		£ 17,788	£ 181,819	£ 138,894	£ 141,419	£ 97,080
Dividends paid/payable		138,000	120,000	102,000	100,500	90,500
Taxation paid		60,332	76,078	45,549	57,022	43,842
Increase (decrease) in net current liabilities		£ 251,101	£ 394,885	£ 234,549	£ 337,732	£ 207,462
Net change in net current liabilities		£ 2,462	£ (1,083)	£ (131)	£ 2,825	£ 597
Net change in net current liabilities		£ 2,462	£ (1,083)	£ (131)	£ 2,825	£ 597
Creditors		£ 4,702	£ 2,240	£ 3,323	£ 3,454	£ 628
Cash at bank, in hand and on deposit		£ 15,001	£ 16,998	£ (2,145)	£ 38,741	£ (23,967)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Investment income
Investment income comprises:
Income from fixed asset investments
Interest income

	£ 220,972	£ 191,478	£ 164,112	£ 161,502	£ 145,876
Operating expenses					
Operating expenses comprise:					
Directors' remuneration (less as directors)	£ 10,240	£ 10,240	£ 9,220	£ 8,880	£ 8,880
Directors' remuneration	2,875	1,127	1,127	861	851
Directors' remuneration	8,047	5,627	5,692	5,332	4,347
Administrative expenses					
	£ 21,162	£ 17,284	£ 15,839	£ 15,103	£ 14,078

2. Operating expenses
Operating expenses comprise:
Interest on investments (less as directors)
Auditors' remuneration
Administrative expenses

	<u>£ 61,964</u>	<u>£ 54,484</u>	<u>£ 45,910</u>	<u>£ 45,970</u>	<u>£ 41,202</u>
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Earnings per share

Earnings per share throughout the five year period are based on the profits after taxation and have been calculated using 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, being the number of ordinary shares in issue during the five year period.

3. Taxation
The taxation charge is based on the profit for the year and comprises:
Corporation tax at current rate
Tax credits on franked income

	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
Investment to valuation	£5,801,838	£4,522,068	£4,038,358	£3,055,498	£2,506,172
Cost of year	£ 882,451	£ 891,819	£ 856,477	£ 725,038	£ 771,138
Cost of investments					
	£5,430,876	£4,231,854	£3,817,963	£2,874,780	£2,380,594
	107,589	100,206	67,330	60,283	46,446
	107,589	100,206	152,475	120,123	79,193

4. Earnings per share
Earnings per share throughout the five year period are based on the profits after taxation and have been calculated using 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, being the number of ordinary shares in issue during the five year period.

5. Investments
The movement in investments is as follows:
Net book value:
Beginning of year
Additions at cost
Disposals at cost
Adjustment to valuation
End of year

Share capital					
authorized, issued and fully paid:	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
100 ordinary shares of £1 each					

The net book value of investments can be summarised as follows:
Listed in the UK
Listed overseas
Quoted but not listed

Realized:	4,909,387	3,630,269	3,181,881	2,330,446	1,735,040
Capital Reserve: aggregate appreciation on					
investments at year end	<u>55,778,922</u>	<u>14,470,528</u>	<u>53,966,975</u>	<u>53,657,528</u>	<u>52,458,256</u>

The above reserves are undistributable. Movement on the Realized Capital Reserve represents gains on investments sold during the year less applicable taxation.

As at 31st March 1986, the tax liability, if these investments were sold at market value, would approximate £1,130,000.

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year:
Proposed final dividends
Other creditors
-UK corporation tax payable
-Provision for income tax (Schedule F)
-Other

	1986	1985	1984	1983	1982
£ 4,776	£ 4,930	£ 5,210	£ 4,947	£ 4,916	
£ 2,433	£ 2,433	£ 2,433	£ 2,433	£ 2,433	
£ 14,457	£ 4,572	£ 4,519	£ 3,453	£ 13,392	
£ 101,764	£ 80,371	£ 78,567	£ 82,388	£ 63,427	

new Income Shares of 25p each and 4,088,000 new Capital Shares of 25p each.
The issued share capital of the Company is increased from £1,000 to £1,300,000 by the capitalisation of reserves of the Company and the issue of 2,888 Income Shares of 25p each and 4,088 Capital Shares of 25p each for each of the five years ended 31st March 1986.
(iii) The Company is authorised to sub-divide and convert into two Income Shares of 25p each and two Capital Shares of 25p each, so that at that point the issued share capital of the Company consisted of 2,888,000 Income Shares of 25p each and 2,888,000 Capital Shares of 25p each.

Yours faithfully
Arthur Andersen & Co

STATUTORY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. STATUS AND SHARE CAPITAL
(1) The Company was incorporated as a private company in England and Wales on 24th April 1985 under the Companies Act 1985 under the name Pegler Estate Limited with registered number 300666.

(2) On incorporation the Company had an authorised share capital of £1,000 divided into 1,000 shares of £1 each of which two shares of £1 each were issued to the Company on 24th April 1985. The Company was subsequently put up in cash at par.

(3) At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 24th June 1986 it was resolved that:

(a) the authorised share capital of the Company be increased to £2,000,000 by the creation of 4,088,000 new Income Shares of 25p each and 4,088,000 new Capital Shares of 25p each;

(b) the Directors be and they are authorised to do so to issue such shares as they may think fit;

(c) the Directors be empowered pursuant to Section 94 of the Companies Act 1985 to allot relevant securities (within the meaning of that Section) in order to enable the Company to raise the sum of £2,000,000, such authority to expire on 31st August 1986;

(d) the Directors be and they are authorised to do so to issue such shares as they may think fit;

(e) the issued share capital of the Company be increased from £1,000 to £1,300,000 by the capitalisation of reserves of the Company and the issue to existing shareholders of 2,888 new Income Shares of 25p each and 2,888 new Capital Shares of 25p each for each of the five years ended 31st March 1986.

(f) the name of the Company be changed to St David's Investment Trust PLC;

(g) the Company be re-registered as a public limited company;

(h) the Memorandum of Association of the Company be amended to give effect to the above.

2. MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Memorandum of Association
The principal object of the Company is to undertake the business of an investment trust in all its branches. The objects of the Company are set out in full in Clause 4 of its Memorandum of Association. The Company is authorised to do all such things as are necessary or expedient for the purposes of the objects of the Company.

Articles of Association
The Articles of Association of the Company contain provisions, inter alia, to the following effect:

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(a) Every Shareholder is entitled to the dividends and other monies payable in respect of the Shares.

(b) Dividends
Subject to any other provision made by or under the Companies Act 1985 or by the Company, the Directors may, at their discretion, pay dividends on the Shares in any currency and by any mode and at such times as they may think fit.

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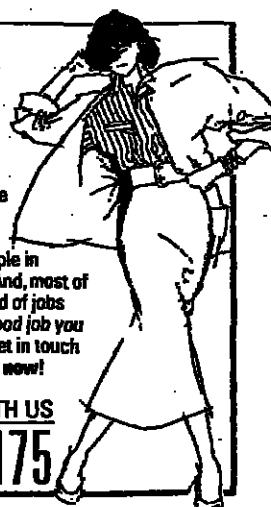
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Two records for London town

Two records are claimed from recent London sales which show the extraordinary cost of property in the capital.

Lesser Homes has paid the equivalent of £8 million an acre for a Thames-side Pimlico site on which it intends to build six flats. The site of the former White Elephant on the River bank, which has planning permission, is about a tenth of an acre, and the cost means nearly £200,000 per flat just for the land.

In Harley Road, St John's Wood, Barges, jointly with Hampton and Son, have sold an Edwardian house in Barges for £2.5 million. Barges claims this is a record for St John's Wood. The house, which went to a Middle Eastern buyer, has eight bedrooms, garages for four Rolls-Royces, and an outdoor swimming pool.

In 1756 The Round House in Chiddingfold, Surrey, cost £47 7s 5d. Now this period house, built as one of several on the original journey from London to Petworth, West Sussex, is for sale at around £135,000 through Cubitt and West's Godalming office. The renovated house has a hexagonal main reception room and three bedrooms, and stands in half an acre.

Sportsman's retreat

The Ham at Wantage, Oxfordshire, is a spacious Georgian Grade II listed house in 37 acres - and it awaits a sportsman. The grounds contain a six-hole, nine-pin golf course, a cricket wicket, a tennis court, an outdoor swimming pool, a tackroom, six loose boxes, and two lakes stocked with trout and carp. One of the six reception rooms has been converted into a billiards room. The house is for sale through Knight Frank & Rutley at around £1.25 million.

Battledown House at Battledown on the Buckinghamshire-Bedfordshire border was once the stable block to a large manor house. It was built in about 1662, reputedly by Joseph Paxton, who later designed Crystal Palace. It was converted into a family house and now has four reception rooms and eight bedrooms. The 12 acres include a staff cottage, a swimming pool and a tennis court. Lane Fox and Partners is asking for offers of more than £280,000.

Artist's retreat

Studies of the Great House, Upminster Common, Essex, feature in many of the works of the artist, Lady Edna Clarke Hall, who lived there from 1900 until her death aged 100 in 1979. The house is believed to date from the late 18th century but was enlarged at the turn of the century and has been restored in the past seven years. It has three reception rooms and seven bedrooms, with a range of outbuildings including a timber-framed Essex barn which the artist converted into a theatre and studio. The Great House stands in five acres, with a further five acres available, and Strutt & Parker's Chelmsford office is asking for offers around £240,000.



Starkey Castle, at Wouldham, Kent, is, despite its name, a manor house and - built in the early 14th century - is one of the few medieval manor houses surviving in more or less pristine state throughout the whole country, according to the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments. This Grade I listed Bishop's Palace is close to the river Medway near the cathedral city of Rochester, and apart from the loss in about 1700 of the solar wing it remains much as it was built. Typical of early 14th-century vernacular design, Starkey Castle contains a splendid Great Hall 43ft long and a 27ft former chapel, both with timber vaulted roofs. After years of restoration it is now a comfortable house with three reception rooms in addition to the Great Hall, four bedrooms and three bathrooms. The house has four and a half acres including a moated island and a former east house with a self-contained flat. Jackson-Stops and Staff and Cobbs are asking £300,000.

Buyers who book ahead

New or converted, cheap or expensive, flats and houses in the central areas of London are not only selling well - they are selling before they are built, proving that London is still drawing in people to buy and invest in property.

The proportion of buyers of second homes or *pièce-à-terre* also indicates the prosperity of those who work in the capital, for there is now a strong surge of British ownership after years of domination by overseas buyers. It must be said that this trend is the result partly of a determined effort by developers and estate agents alike to provide buyers with what they want.

Since 1979 Usborne Developments has provided small mews-type developments in areas such as Islington, Kennington and Bayswater, usually in difficult sites. The company now has two of its distinctive clocktower courtyard developments under way. One is at Usborne Mews, in Kennington, a short walk from the Oval Underground station, where in a long, narrow site bounded by high walls, 38 dwellings are being built, ranging from one-bedroom flats to three-bedroom houses.

The development has only recently gone on the market, and some of the units will not be completed until early next year. However, 33 of the 38 have already been reserved, leaving two one-bedroom flats and two three-bedroom houses, costing from £65,500 and £140,000 respectively, and the three-bedroom show house on the market. Every one of the units has a garage, and the houses have patio gardens or roof

terraces, while balconies look on to courtyards, and arches at either end have houses straddling them.

Usborne's next development is at Mustow Place, Munster Road, Fulham, approached through an archway - one of the firm's signatures - from Munster Road, and containing 22 houses and one flat. The houses have two to four bedrooms, ranging in price from £140,000 to £225,000, with fully fitted kitchens, as at Usborne Mews, and the clever design means that for many of them they are "upside down" houses, with the bedrooms on the ground floor.

The gracious Victorian atmosphere is retained

and the living rooms upstairs with terraces. The Fulham development comes on the market probably in September, and the agents for both are Townhouse's Fulham office.

In South Kensington, number 52, Onslow Gardens, one of the many houses on the Smith's Charity estate, and overlooking the gardens, has been converted into five large apartments, retaining the feel of its gracious Victorian days. Many of its period features including mouldings and cornices have been replaced with great skill.

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9.20 Cee-fax 10.05 Play School. Bradley with guest, Elizabeth Watts.

10.25 Cricket: Peter West introduces coverage of a NatWest Trophy second rounder at 10.25. The commentators for this 60 over-a-side match are Richie Benaud and Tony Lewis with summaries by Ray Illingworth and Tom Gravenor.

12.50 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore. Includes news headlines, weather forecasts, 1.15 Regional news. The weather details come from John Kettley 1.20. Check-out: A See-Saw programme for the very young, presented by Fred Harris.

1.35 World Show Jumping Championships. Introduced by David Vine. The competition is at Aachen, West Germany, are Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen Hadley.

4.15 Regional news. 4.25 Dogan and the Three Musketeers. Cartoon (r). 4.45 So You Want to Be Top, presented by Gary Wilson and Jani Harper. (r)

5.00 Newsround 5.10 Heidi. Part one of a repeat of the series based on the book by Johanna Spyri about a young orphan girl who is brought up by her grandfather in a remote part of the Swiss Alps.

5.35 The Flintstones. Cartoon series about a modern, Stone Age family.

6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.

6.35 London Plus presented by John Stapleton, Linda Mitchell and Caroline Rignott.

7.00 Wogan. The Duke of Edinburgh talks about his involvement in the World Show Jumping Championships in August. Also appearing are actor Michael Caine; and General Eva Burrows, the new leader of the Salvation Army. Plus, a song from UB40.

7.40 Lame Ducks. Comedy series about a disparate group who, for one reason or another, want to get away from it all. Hosted by John Peel and Lorraine Chase. (r)

8.10 Dallas. Part sets off for the South America in the company of Matt Crenshaw in order to inspect his emerging mine. (r) tries to discover the reasons behind his mother's large cash outflow. (Cee-fax)

9.00 News with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys.

9.30 The Africans. Al Muzil examines the cause of the continent's economic problems which have led to some 20 states being unable to support themselves. (Cee-fax)

10.25 Eureka Stockade. Episode one of a two-part Australian drama, set in mid-19th century Australia, about the revolt by goldminers against the violent and ruthless policeman ordered by the bankrupt state's governor to enforce the law requiring license to mine.

10.50 The Mark of the Devil. A Hammer Horror about a man who kills and robs a Chinese tailor. Starring Clive Swift. (r)

11.00 News. (r)

12.05 Weather.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by David Dimbleby. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40, 7.40 and 8.40; exercises at 6.55 and 8.25; cartoon at 7.25; pop music news at 7.55; Gyles Brandreth traces the history of garden gnomes at 8.35; Lindsey de Paul and Gordon Honeycombe at 9.03; and a natural history feature, Michael Oden at 8.12.

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9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Survival: A Coat of Many Colours. A profile of the starting. (r) 9.55 Serpent River. A film about the fur trade in the 18th century. The world of Bhutanese farmer Samten Dorji. (r) 10.35 Heritage of Ireland. The story of the island's history. (r) 11.25 Home Cookery Club. Dairy Desserts. (r)

11.30 About Britain. The story of James Hogg, shepherd, sheepfarmer, storyteller and poet.

12.00 The Little Green Man. Adventures of a visitor from outer space. (r) 12.10 Our Backyard. (r)

12.30 Regrets John Stapleton asks Pat Phoenix and Jani Ellis if they have ever asked the day they became teacup in a long-running television series.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkinson 1.20 Thames news.

1.30 Man in a Suitcase. McGill suffers when an attempt is made to brainwash him. Starring Richard Bradford, Colin Sweeney and Howard Martin Crawford. (r) 2.30 Cooking for Celebrations. Mary Berry with ideas for lavish picnics, and the latest in picnic equipment.

3.00 Drama serial set on the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 The Little Green Man. A repeat of the programme shown at noon 4.10 The Moonlight. Cartoon series. (r) 4.20 Do It. The first of a new series of short films.

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5.15 Whose Baby? Nanette Newman, Kenneth Williams and Gemma Craven try to guess the famous parent of parents of a succession of youngsters. With Bernie Winters.

5.45 News with Carol Barnes 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 What's What? Consumer queries answered by Penny Junior and David Stafford.

6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Where There's a Will, Dr. Miles Stappard tries to help two people who have undergone a sex change.

7.30 Copation Street. Vera Duckworth takes her driving test. (Oracle)

8.00 The Best of Hill Street. Highlights from the comedian's previous series. (r)

9.00 The Return of Sherlock Holmes. The first of a new series of adventures based on the novels of Conan Doyle, starring Jeremy Brett and Edward Hardwicke. (See Choice)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Pamela Armstrong.

10.30 Crime Inc. A repeat of the seven-part series investigating the world of crime. (See Choice)

11.00 Mark of the Devil. A Hammer Horror about a man who kills and robs a Chinese tailor. Starring Clive Swift. (r)

12.05 Night Thoughts.



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6.55 Open University: Geology. Interpreting Sediments. Ends at 7.20. 9.00 Cee-fax.

12.55 The Physics of Matter. A Macroscopic Viewpoint. The world of industrial physics examining the physics of equilibrium systems.

1.20 Cricket and Show Jumping. Further coverage of a NatWest Trophy second round game, and the World Show Jumping Championships.

4.30 News from Aachen, West Germany. Designers. The first programme in a new six-part series exploring the world of industrial design and the design process. Long distance, lorry driver, Trevor Jones, test news Leyland's new Roadmaster truck.

5.00 Alice. The staff of Mel's diner visit Vera who is in hospital after an accident which happened when she was trying to help a child of baby birds.

5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show. Comedy from the comedy duo's television series made in the Fifties.

6.00 Family Ties. American domestic comedy series. 1986 Tour de France. Highlights from stage 6 of the cycle race - Villers-sur-Mer to Cherbourg.

6.30 Equestrian. Presented by Nick Owen with commentary by Phil Pizzey and Paul Sherwen. Channel Four News with Alastair Stewart and Nicholas Owen, includes a report from Rosyth.

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7.30 Comment. This week the political slot is filled by Gordon Wills, MP for Dorset East, and chairman of the SNP.

8.00 The Blood of the British. In this fourth programme in the series tracing the history of the British people, Dr Catherine Hills explores the extent of the links between Britain and the communities in Europe during the Iron Age and the Romans time. (r)

8.30 Diverse Reports. How have Russian attitudes to nuclear power and nuclear weapons changed since the Chernobyl disaster? A group of British scientists who have just returned from the Soviet Union present their views.

9.00 The Marriage Contract. By Gioacchino Rossini. A comic opera, sung in English by Scottish Opera, about a young woman who is married by her father to marry one man when she is in love with another. With Eric Roberts, William McGee and Mary Dore.

10.15 The Lower Depths. (1957) Kurosawa's version of the Gorky play about a collection of low-life characters who congregate in a dingy room owned by a greedy man with a wisp of hair. Each of the group has a physical defect which the others ridicule. Starring Toshiro Mifune, Yuzo Kakiyama, Genji Nakamura, Koji Mitsu and Bokuzen Kojima.

12.25 Their Lordships' House. Highlights from the proceedings in the House of Lords. Presented by Glyn Mathias. Ends at 12.40.

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Watsons (originally David Burke, but now Edward Hardwicke), the more ludicrous Nigel Bruce's Hollywood Watson becomes in the memory. Hollywood's Inspector Lestrade was a bowler-hatted lecher, Granada's Lestrade (Colin Jeavons) is patently no worse than what Holmes himself thought of him: the pick of a poor lot.

SEWEAT OF THE SUN. TEARS OF THE MOON (BBC2, 8.00pm). Jack Pizzey's social and economic odyssey through South America, begins with this intelligent reporting trying to find out why Bolivia and Chile have constantly seen-sawed between the military and the jackboot. Some of his

conclusions may strike you as simplistic. It is difficult for a reporter not to infer the general from the particular. But nobody can argue with his reading of situations in which every other cadet is a potential President. Soldiers, who are trained for military commands, are not trained for non-consensus.

Radio choice: David Ashton's The Old Ladies at the Zoo (Radio 4, 3.00pm) has Peggy Mount and Liz Smith as the ill-fated chums who are in common that they have more in common than they think. The biological jokes are up to best music-hall standards, but the exchanges into its own with its exchanges about mortality and friendship.

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